

Python Visualization

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1 简介

1.0.1 Facts

1. Initial release: 2003; 13 years ago
2. Stable release: Stable release: 0.18.1 / 22 September 2016
3. Website: <http://matplotlib.org>

1.0.2 What is matplotlib?

1. matplotlib is a library for making 2D plots of arrays in Python.
2. Although it has its origins in emulating the MATLAB graphics commands, it is independent of MATLAB, and can be used in a Pythonic, object oriented way.
3. Although matplotlib is written primarily in pure Python, it makes heavy use of NumPy and other extension code to provide good performance even for large arrays.

1.0.3 three parts

1. The matplotlib code is conceptually divided into three parts:
2. the pylab interface is the set of functions provided by matplotlib.
 1. pylab which allow the user to create plots with code quite similar to MATLAB figure generating code.
 2. Typically pylab is imported to bring NumPy and matplotlib into a single global namespace for the most MATLAB like syntax, however a more explicit import style, which names both matplotlib and NumPy, is the preferred coding style.
3. The matplotlib frontend or matplotlib API is the set of classes that do the heavy lifting, creating and managing figures, text, lines, plots and so on.
4. The backends are device-dependent drawing devices, aka renderers, that transform the frontend representation to hardcopy or a display device.

2 基本概念

2.0.1 Two interfaces

1. matplotlib has two interfaces.
2. The first is based on MATLAB and uses a state-based interface.
3. The second option is an object-oriented(OO) interface.
4. knowing that there are two approaches is vitally important when plotting with matplotlib.

2.1 图形组成部分

2.1.1 Figure

1. The whole figure. The figure keeps track of all the child Axes, a smattering of 'special' artists (titles, figure legends, etc), and the canvas.
2. A figure can have any number of Axes, but to be useful should have at least one.
3. The easiest way to create a new figure is with pyplot:

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import numpy as np
3
4 fig = plt.figure() # an empty figure with no axes
5 fig.suptitle('No axes on this figure') # Add a title so we know which it is
6
7 fig, ax_lst = plt.subplots(2, 2) # a figure with a 2x2 grid of Axes
```

2.1.2 Axes

1. This is what you think of as 'a plot', it is the region of the image with the data space.
2. A given figure can contain many Axes, but a given Axes object can only be in one Figure.
3. The Axes contains two (or three in the case of 3D) Axis objects (be aware of the difference between Axes and Axis) which take care of the data limits (the data limits can also be controlled via set via the `set_xlim()` and `set_ylim()` Axes methods).
4. Each Axes has a title (set via `set_title()`), an x-label (set via `set_xlabel()`), and a y-label set via `set_ylabel()`.
5. The Axes class and its member functions are the primary entry point to working with the OO interface.

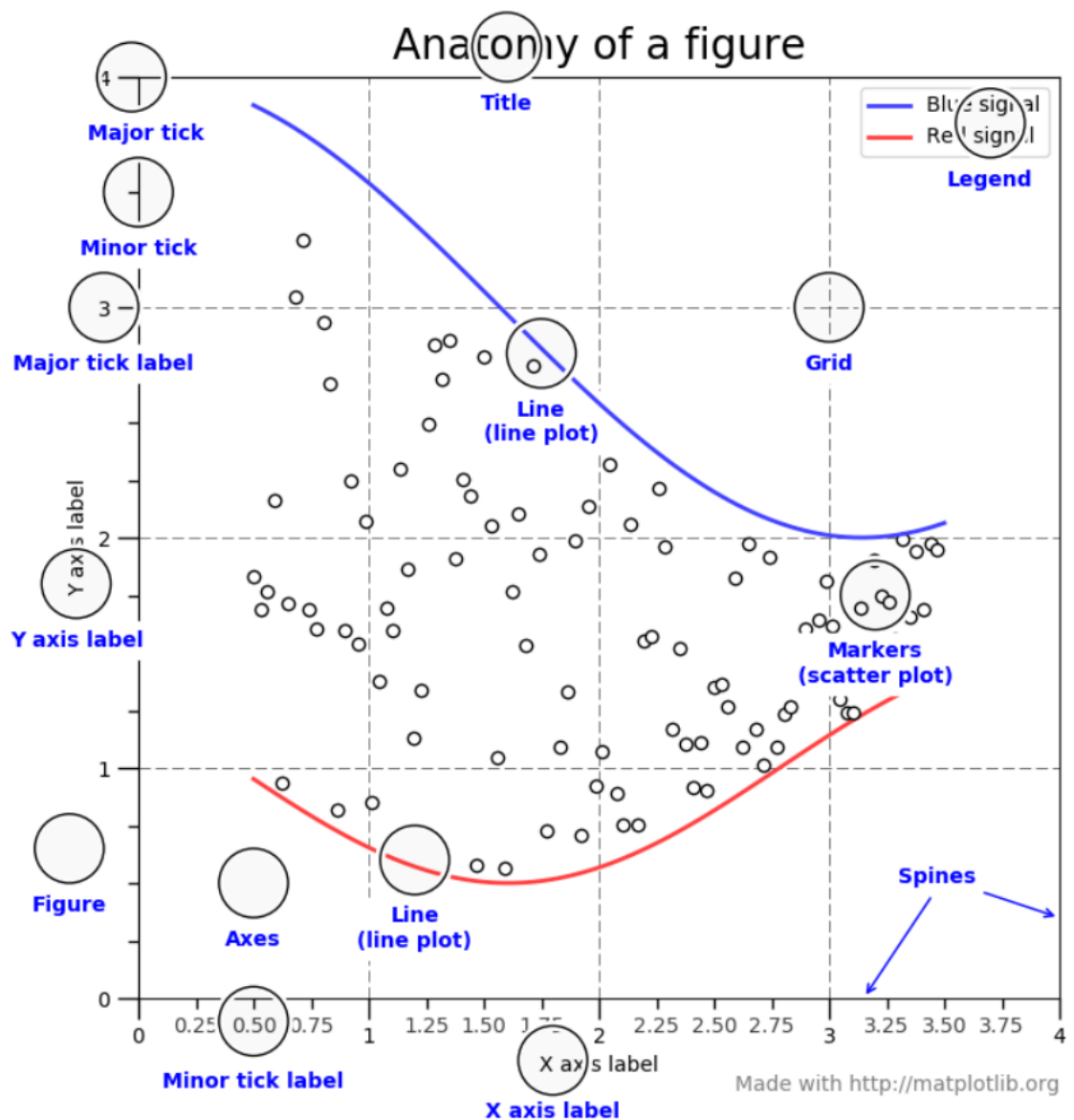
2.1.3 Axis

1. These are the number-line-like objects.
2. They take care of setting the graph limits and generating the ticks (the marks on the axis) and ticklabels (strings labeling the ticks).
3. The location of the ticks is determined by a Locator object and the ticklabel strings are formatted by a Formatter.
4. The combination of the correct Locator and Formatter gives very fine control over the tick locations and labels.

2.1.4 Artist

1. Basically everything you can see on the figure is an artist (even the Figure, Axes, and Axis objects).
2. This includes Text objects, Line2D objects, collection objects, Patch objects ... (you get the idea).
3. When the figure is rendered, all of the artists are drawn to the canvas.
4. Most Artists are tied to an Axes; such an Artist cannot be shared by multiple Axes, or moved from one to another.

2.1.5 其他组成部分



2.1.6 Types of inputs to plotting functions

1. All of plotting functions expect `np.array` or `np.ma.masked_array` as input.
2. Classes that are 'array-like' such as pandas data objects and `np.matrix` may or may not work as intended.
3. It is best to convert these to `np.array` objects prior to plotting.

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import numpy as np
3 import pandas as pd
4
5 a = pd.DataFrame(np.random.rand(4,5), columns = list('abcde'))
6 a_array = a.values
7
8 b = np.matrix([[1,2],[3,4]])
```

```
9 b_array = np.asarray(b)
```

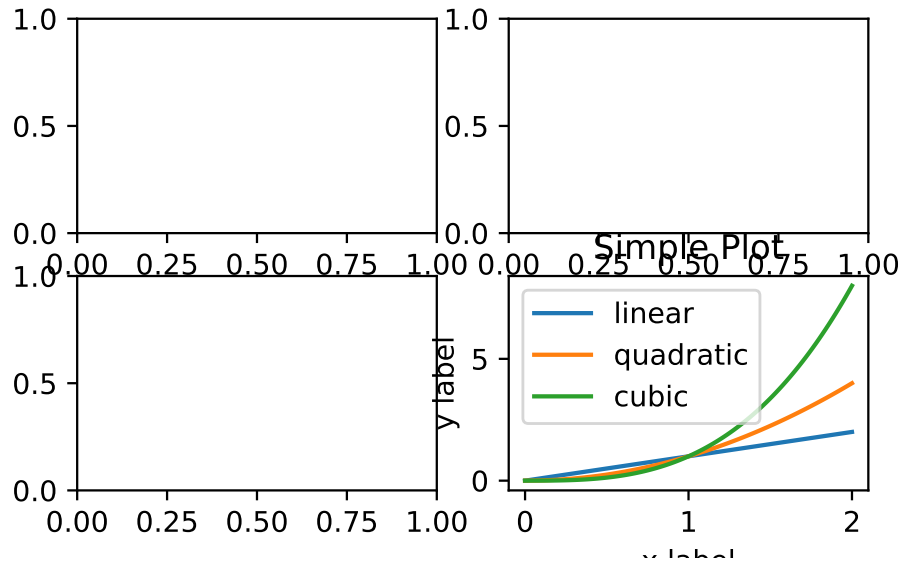
2.1.7 Matplotlib, pyplot and pylab: how are they related?

1. Matplotlib is the whole package
2. and matplotlib.pyplot is a module in Matplotlib.
3. pylab is a convenience module that bulk imports matplotlib.pyplot (for plotting) and numpy (for mathematics and working with arrays) in a single namespace. pylab is deprecated and its use is strongly discouraged because of namespace pollution. Use pyplot instead.

2.1.8 pyplot

1. For functions in the pyplot module, there is always a "current" figure and axes (which is created automatically on request).
2. For example, in the following example, the first call to plt.plot creates the axes,
3. then subsequent calls to plt.plot add additional lines on the same axes,
4. and plt.xlabel, plt.ylabel, plt.title and plt.legend set the axes labels and title and add a legend.

```
1 x = np.linspace(0, 2, 100)
2
3 plt.plot(x, x, label='linear')
4 plt.plot(x, x**2, label='quadratic')
5 plt.plot(x, x**3, label='cubic')
6
7 plt.xlabel('x label')
8 plt.ylabel('y label')
9 plt.title("Simple Plot")
10 plt.legend()
11
12 plt.show()
```



2.2 后端

2.2.1 What is a backend?

1. matplotlib targets many different use cases and output formats.
2. To support all of these use cases, matplotlib can target different outputs, and each of these capabilities is called a backend;
3. the "frontend" is the user facing code, i.e., the plotting code, whereas the "backend" does all the hard work behind-the-scenes to make the figure.
4. There are two types of backends:
 1. user interface backends (for use in pygtk, wxpython, tkinter, qt4, or macosx; also referred to as "interactive backends")
 2. and hardcopy backends to make image files (PNG, SVG, PDF, PS; also referred to as "non-interactive backends").

2.2.2 Configure your backend

1. The backend parameter in your matplotlibrc file
2. If your script depends on a specific backend you can use the use() function.
3. If you use the use() function, this must be done before importing matplotlib.pyplot. Calling use() after pyplot has been imported will have no effect.
4. Using use() will require changes in your code if users want to use a different backend.

```

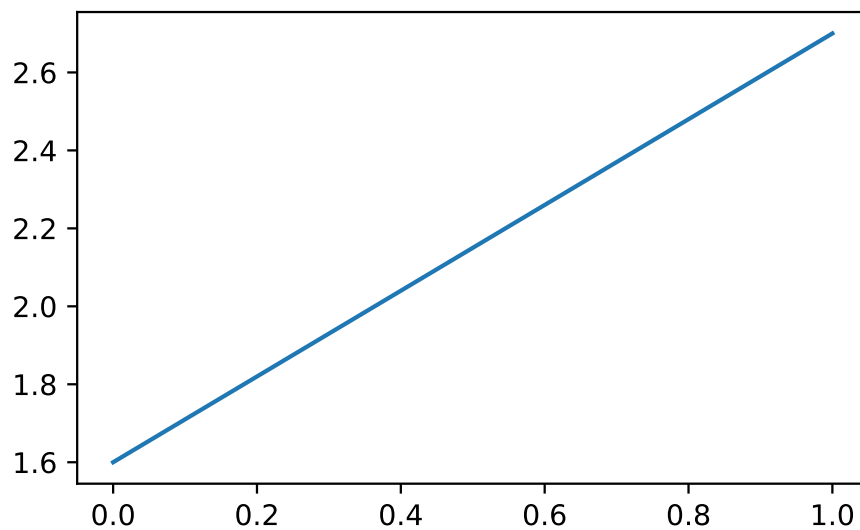
1 import matplotlib
2 matplotlib.use('pdf')    ### generate postscript output by default

```

2.2.3 What is interactive mode?

1. Use of an interactive backend permits plotting to the screen.
2. Interactive mode may also be turned on via `matplotlib.pyplot.ion()`,
3. and turned off via `matplotlib.pyplot.ioff()`.
4. Non-interactive example:

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 plt.ioff()
3 plt.plot([1.6, 2.7])
```



1. Nothing happened—or at least nothing has shown up on the screen, To make the plot appear, you need to do this:

```
1 plt.show()
```

1. Now you see the plot, but your terminal command line is unresponsive; the `show()` command blocks the input of additional commands until you manually kill the plot window.

2.3 Pyplot 简介

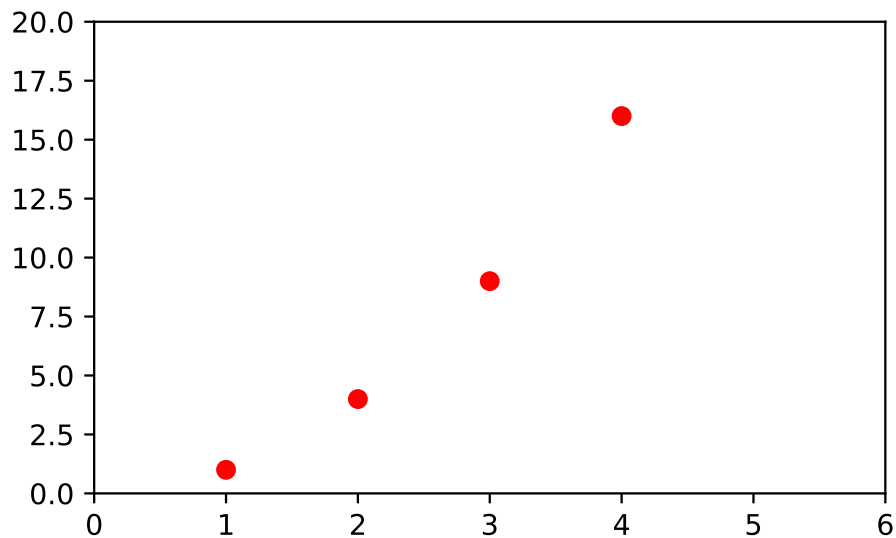
2.3.1 Intro to pyplot

1. `matplotlib.pyplot` is a collection of command style functions that make `matplotlib` work like MATLAB.
2. Each pyplot function makes some change to a figure: e.g., creates a figure, creates a plotting area in a figure, plots some lines in a plotting area, decorates the plot with labels, etc.
3. In `matplotlib.pyplot` various states are preserved across function calls, so that it keeps track of things like the current figure and plotting area, and the plotting functions are directed to the current axes.
4. "axes" here and in most places in the documentation refers to the axes part of a figure and not the strict mathematical term for more than one axis.

2.3.2 Formatting the style of your plot

1. For every x, y pair of arguments, there is an optional third argument which is the format string that indicates the color and line type of the plot.
2. The letters and symbols of the format string are from MATLAB, and you concatenate a color string with a line style string.
3. The default format string is `'b-'`, which is a solid blue line. For example, to plot the above with red circles, use `'ro'`.
4. The `axis()` command in the example above takes a list of `[xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax]` and specifies the viewport of the axes.

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 plt.plot([1, 2, 3, 4], [1, 4, 9, 16], 'ro')
3 plt.axis([0, 6, 0, 20])
1 plt.show()
```

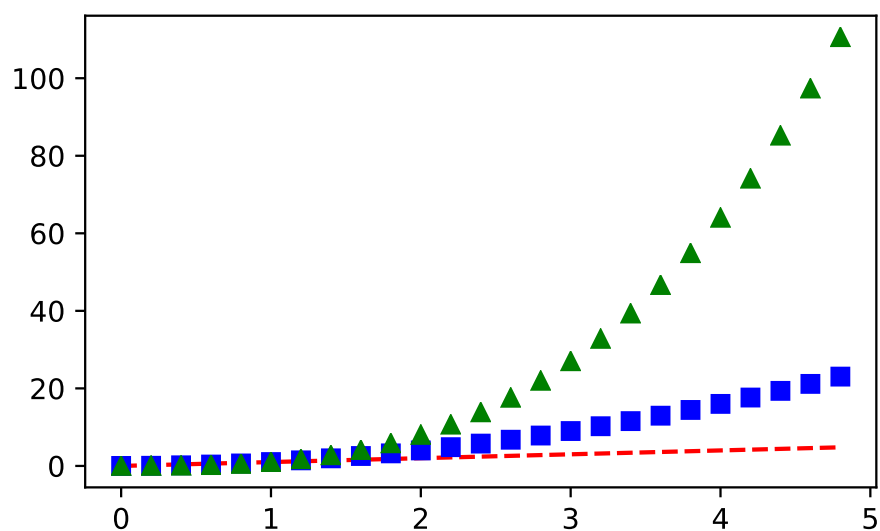
2.3.3 use numpy arrays

1. matplotlib uses numpy arrays.
2. In fact, all sequences are converted to numpy arrays internally.
3. The example below illustrates a plotting several lines with different format styles in one command using arrays.

```

1 import numpy as np
2
3 # evenly sampled time at 200ms intervals
4 t = np.arange(0., 5., 0.2)
5
6 # red dashes, blue squares and green triangles
7 plt.plot(t, t, 'r--', t, t**2, 'bs', t, t**3, 'g^')
8
9 plt.show()

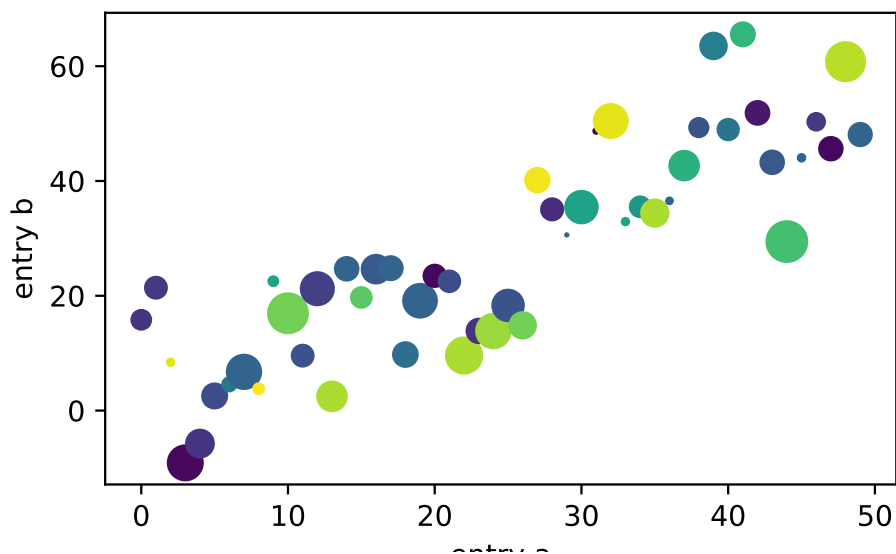
```



2.3.4 Plotting with keyword strings

1. There are some instances where you have data in a format that lets you access particular variables with strings.
2. For example, `pandas.DataFrame`.
3. Matplotlib allows you provide such an object with the `data` keyword argument.
4. If provided, then you may generate plots with the strings corresponding to these variables.

```
1 data = {'a': np.arange(50),  
2         'c': np.random.randint(0, 50, 50),  
3         'd': np.random.randn(50)}  
4 data['b'] = data['a'] + 10 * np.random.randn(50)  
5 data['d'] = np.abs(data['d']) * 100  
6  
7 plt.scatter('a', 'b', c='c', s='d', data=data)  
8 plt.xlabel('entry a')  
9 plt.ylabel('entry b')  
10 plt.show()
```



2.3.5 Plotting with categorical variables

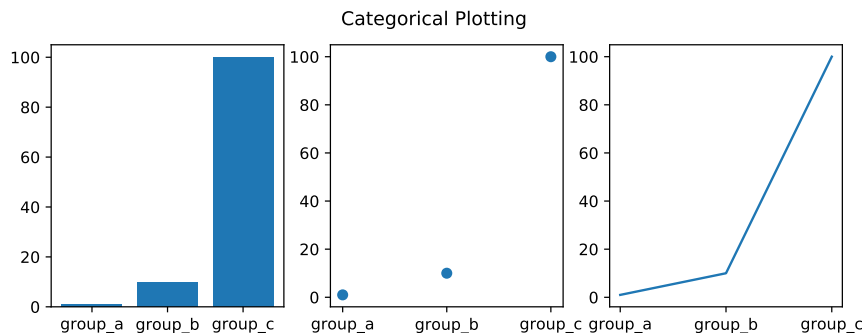
1. Matplotlib allows you to pass categorical variables directly to many plotting functions.

```
1 names = ['group_a', 'group_b', 'group_c']  
2 values = [1, 10, 100]  
3  
4 plt.figure(figsize=(9, 3))  
5  
6 plt.subplot(131)  
7 plt.bar(names, values)
```

```

1 plt.subplot(132)
2 plt.scatter(names, values)
3 plt.subplot(133)
4 plt.plot(names, values)
5 plt.suptitle('Categorical Plotting')
6 plt.show()

```



2.4 线条属性

2.4.1 Controlling line properties

1. Lines have many attributes that you can set: linewidth, dash style, antialiased, etc; see `matplotlib.lines.Line2D`.
2. There are several ways to set line properties:
 1. Use keyword args: `plt.plot(x, y, linewidth=2.0)`
 2. Use the setter methods of a `Line2D` instance. `plot` returns a list of `Line2D` objects; e.g., `line1, line2 = plot(x1, y1, x2, y2)`. In the code below we will suppose that we have only one line so that the list returned is of length 1. We use tuple unpacking with `line`, to get the first element of that list:

```

1 line, = plt.plot(x, y, '-')
2 line.set_antialiased(False) # turn off antialiasing

```

2.4.2 Controlling line properties

1. Use the `setp()` command. The example below uses a MATLAB-style command to set multiple properties on a list of lines. `setp` works transparently with a list of objects or a single object. You can either use python keyword arguments or MATLAB-style string/value pairs.

```

1 lines = plt.plot(x1, y1, x2, y2)
2 # use keyword args
3 plt.setp(lines, color='r', linewidth=2.0)
4 # or MATLAB style string value pairs
5 plt.setp(lines, 'color', 'r', 'linewidth', 2.0)

```

1. To get a list of settable line properties, call the `setp()` function with a line or lines as argument.

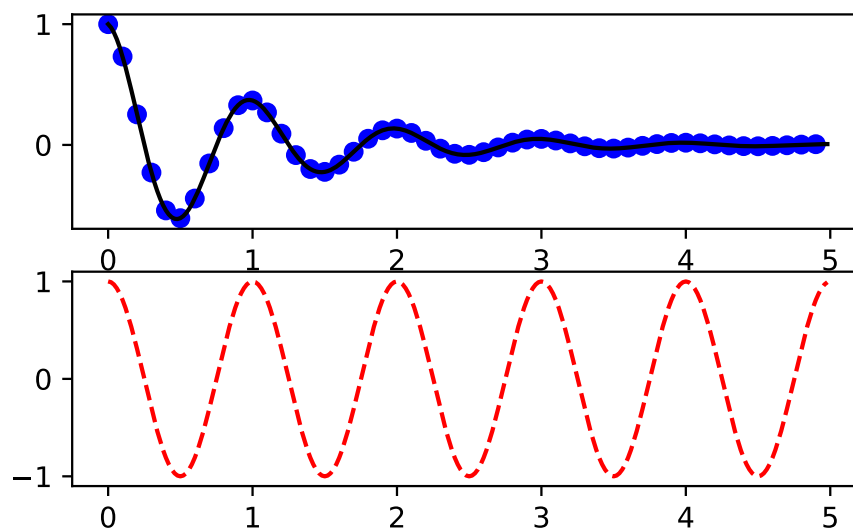
```
1 lines = plt.plot([1, 2, 3])
2 plt.setp(lines)
```

2.5 多个图形和坐标系

2.5.1 Working with multiple figures and axes

1. pyplot has the concept of the current figure and the current axes.
2. All plotting commands apply to the current axes.
3. The function `gca()` returns the current axes (a `matplotlib.axes.Axes` instance),
4. and `gcf()` returns the current figure (`matplotlib.figure.Figure` instance).
5. Normally, you don't have to worry about this, because it is all taken care of behind the scenes.

```
1 def f(t):
2     return np.exp(-t) * np.cos(2*np.pi*t)
3
4 t1 = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.1)
5 t2 = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.02)
6 plt.figure()
7 plt.subplot(211)
8 plt.plot(t1, f(t1), 'bo', t2, f(t2), 'k')
9
10 plt.subplot(212)
11 plt.plot(t2, np.cos(2*np.pi*t2), 'r--')
12 plt.show()
```

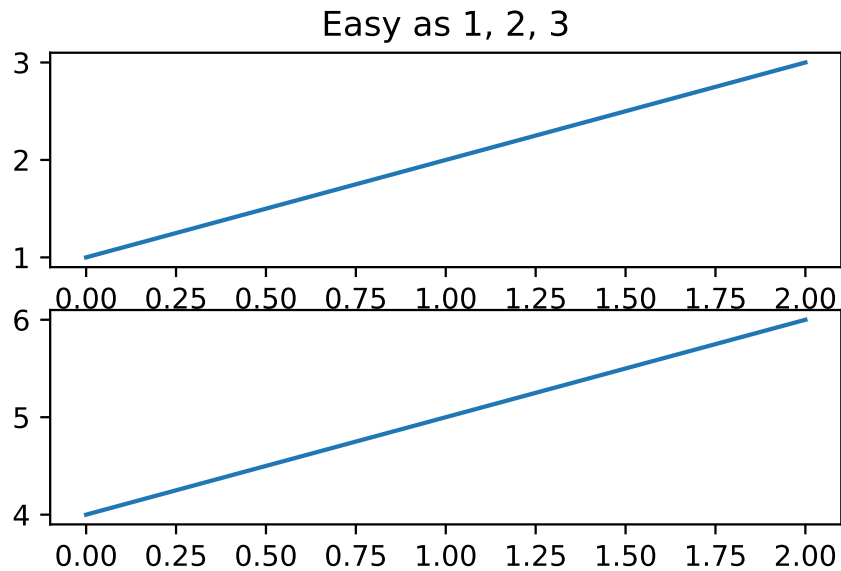


2.5.2 Working with multiple figures and axes

1. The `figure()` command here is optional because `figure(1)` will be created by default, just as a `subplot(111)` will be created by default if you don't manually specify any axes.
2. The `subplot()` command specifies `numrows`, `numcols`, `plotnumber` where `plotnumber` ranges from 1 to `numrows*numcols`.
3. The commas in the subplot command are optional if `numrows*numcols < 10`. So `subplot(211)` is identical to `subplot(2, 1, 1)`.
4. create multiple figures by using multiple `figure()` calls with an increasing figure number.
5. clear the current figure with `clf()` and the current axes with `cla()`.
6. the memory required for a figure is not completely released until the figure is explicitly closed with `close()`.

2.5.3 例子

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 plt.figure(1)                # the first figure
3 plt.subplot(211)             # the first subplot in the first figure
4 plt.plot([1, 2, 3])
5 plt.subplot(212)             # the second subplot in the first figure
6 plt.plot([4, 5, 6])
7
8
9 plt.figure(2)                # a second figure
10 plt.plot([4, 5, 6])          # creates a subplot(111) by default
11
12 plt.figure(1)                # figure 1 current; subplot(212) still current
13 plt.subplot(211)             # make subplot(211) in figure1 current
14 plt.title('Easy as 1, 2, 3') # subplot 211 title
```



2.6 Working with text

2.6.1 Working with text

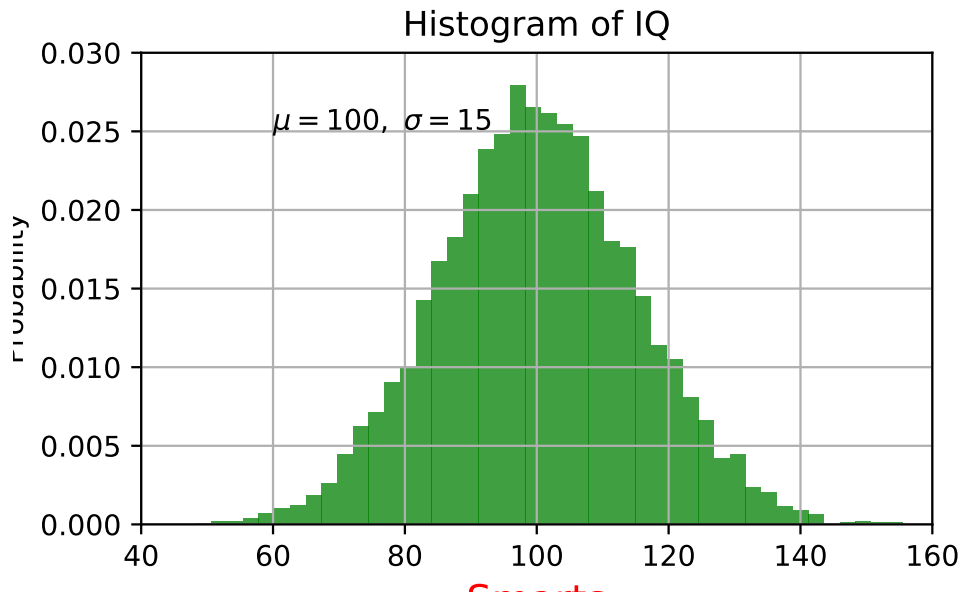
1. The `text()` command can be used to add text in an arbitrary location,
2. and the `xlabel()`, `ylabel()` and `title()` are used to add text in the indicated locations.
3. All of the `text()` commands return an `matplotlib.text.Text` instance.
4. Just as with with lines above, you can customize the properties by passing keyword arguments into the text functions or using `setp()`:

```
1 t = plt.xlabel('my data', fontsize=14, color='red')
```

2.6.2 例子

```
1 mu, sigma = 100, 15
2 x = mu + sigma * np.random.randn(10000)
3
4 # the histogram of the data
5 n, bins, patches = plt.hist(x, 50, density=1, facecolor='g', alpha=0.75)
6
7
8 plt.xlabel('Smarts')
9 plt.ylabel('Probability')
10 plt.title('Histogram of IQ')
11 plt.text(60, .025, r'$\mu=100,\ \sigma=15$')
12 plt.axis([40, 160, 0, 0.03])

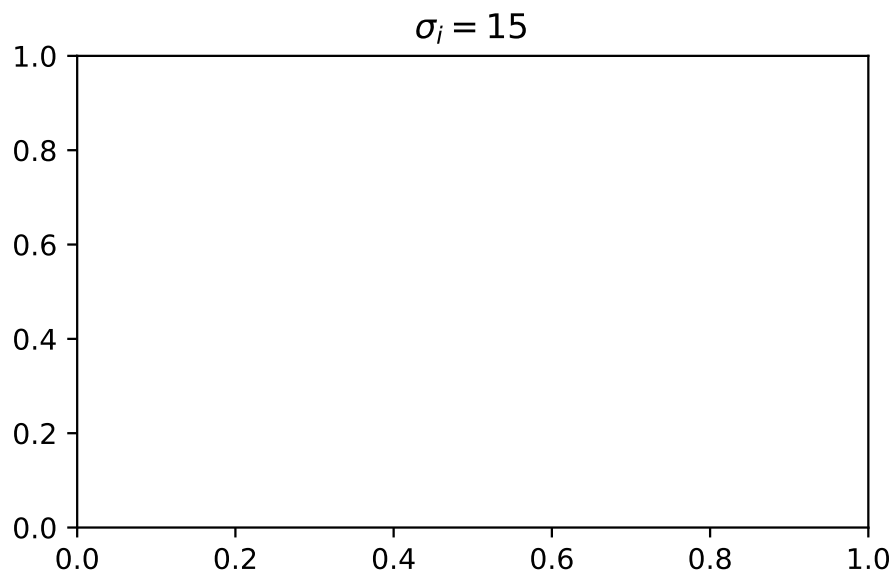
1 plt.grid(True)
2 plt.show()
```



2.6.3 Using mathematical expressions in text

1. matplotlib accepts TeX equation expressions in any text expression.

```
1 plt.title(r'$\sigma_i=15$')
```



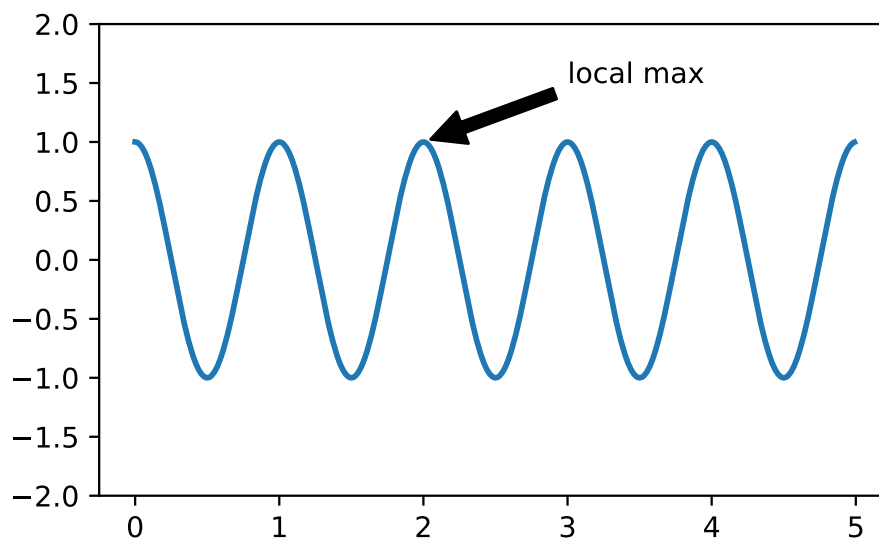
1. The `r` preceding the title string is important – it signifies that the string is a raw string and not to treat backslashes as python escapes.
2. matplotlib has a built-in TeX expression parser and layout engine, and ships its own math fonts. Thus you can use mathematical text across platforms without requiring a TeX installation.
3. For those who have LaTeX and dvipng installed, you can also use LaTeX to format your text and incorporate the output directly into your display figures or saved postscript

2.6.4 Annotating text

1. A common use for text is to annotate some feature of the plot, and the `annotate()` method provides helper functionality to make annotations easy.
2. In an annotation, there are two points to consider:
 1. the location being annotated represented by the argument `xy`
 2. and the location of the text `xytext`.
 3. Both of these arguments are `(x,y)` tuples.

2.6.5 例子

```
1 ax = plt.subplot(111)
2
3 t = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.01)
4 s = np.cos(2*np.pi*t)
5 line, = plt.plot(t, s, lw=2)
6
7 plt.annotate('local max', xy=(2, 1), xytext=(3, 1.5),
8             arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.05),
9             )
10
11 plt.ylim(-2, 2)
1
1 plt.show()
```



3 面向对象 API

3.0.1 the Object-Oriented API vs Pyplot

1. Matplotlib has two interfaces. The first is an object-oriented (OO) interface. In this case, we utilize an instance of `axes.Axes` in order to render visualizations on an instance of `figure.Figure`.

2. The second is based on MATLAB and uses a state-based interface. This is encapsulated in the pyplot module.
3. Most of the terms are straightforward but the main thing to remember is that:
 1. The Figure is the final image that may contain 1 or more Axes.
 2. The Axes represent an individual plot (don't confuse this with the word "axis", which refers to the x/y axis of a plot).
 3. We call methods that do the plotting directly from the Axes, which gives us much more flexibility and power in customizing our plot.
4. In general, try to use the object-oriented interface over the pyplot interface.

3.0.2 data

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from matplotlib.ticker import FuncFormatter
4
5 data = {'Barton LLC': 109438.50,
6         'Frami, Hills and Schmidt': 103569.59,
7         'Fritsch, Russel and Anderson': 112214.71,
8         'Jerde-Hilpert': 112591.43,
9         'Keeling LLC': 100934.30,
10        'Koepp Ltd': 103660.54,
11        'Kulas Inc': 137351.96,
12        'Trantow-Barrows': 123381.38,
13        'White-Trantow': 135841.99,
14        'Will LLC': 104437.60}
15
16 group_data = list(data.values())
17 group_names = list(data.keys())
18 group_mean = np.mean(group_data)

```

3.0.3 Figure and axes

1. To do this with the object-oriented approach, we'll first generate an instance of figure.Figure and axes.Axes.
2. The Figure is like a canvas, and the Axes is a part of that canvas on which we will make a particular visualization.
3. Figures can have multiple axes on them.

```

1 fig, ax = plt.subplots()

```

1. Now that we have an Axes instance, we can plot on top of it.

```

1 ax.barh(group_names, group_data)

```

3.0.4 Controlling the style

1. There are many styles available in Matplotlib in order to let you tailor your visualization to your needs. To see a list of styles, we can use:

```
1 print(plt.style.available)
```

1. You can activate a style with the following:

```
1 plt.style.use('ggplot')
```

3.0.5 Customizing the plot

1. rotate the labels on the x-axis so that they show up more clearly.
2. We can gain access to these labels with the `axes.Axes.get_xticklabels()` method:

```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
2 ax.barh(group_names, group_data)
1 labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
```

1. If we'd like to set the property of many items at once, it's useful to use the `pyplot.setp()` function.
2. This will take a list (or many lists) of Matplotlib objects, and attempt to set some style element of each one.

```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
2 ax.barh(group_names, group_data)
1 labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
2 plt.setp(labels, rotation=45, horizontalalignment='right')
```

3.0.6 Customizing the plot

1. tell Matplotlib to automatically make room for elements in the figures that we create.
2. To do this we'll set the `autolayout` value of our `rcParams`.

```
1 plt.rcParams.update({'figure.autolayout': True})
2
3 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
4 ax.barh(group_names, group_data)
1 labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
2 plt.setp(labels, rotation=45, horizontalalignment='right')
```

1. add labels to the plot. To do this with the OO interface, we can use the `axes.Axes.set()` method to set properties of this Axes object.

2. adjust the size of this plot using the `pyplot.subplots()` function. We can do this with the `figsize` kwarg.
3. For labels, we can specify custom formatting guidelines in the form of functions by using the `ticker.FuncFormatter` class.

3.0.7 Customizing the plot

```

1 def currency(x, pos):
2     """The two args are the value and tick position"""
3     if x >= 1e6:
4         s = '${:1.1f}M'.format(x*1e-6)
5     else:
6         s = '${:1.0f}K'.format(x*1e-3)
7     return s
8
9 formatter = FuncFormatter(currency)
10
11 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 8))
12 ax.barh(group_names, group_data)
13
14 labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
15 plt.setp(labels, rotation=45, horizontalalignment='right')
16
17 ax.set(xlim=[-10000, 140000], xlabel='Total Revenue', ylabel='Company',
18        title='Company Revenue')
19
20 ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(formatter)

```

3.0.8 Combining multiple visualizations

1. It is possible to draw multiple plot elements on the same instance of `axes.Axes`.
2. To do this we simply need to call another one of the plot methods on that `axes` object.

3.0.9 Combining multiple visualizations

```

1 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 8))
2 ax.barh(group_names, group_data)
3 labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
4 plt.setp(labels, rotation=45, horizontalalignment='right')
5 # Add a vertical line, here we set the style in the function call
6 ax.axvline(group_mean, ls='--', color='r')
7 # Annotate new companies
8 for group in [3, 5, 8]:
9     ax.text(145000, group, "New Company", fontsize=10,
10            verticalalignment="center")
11 # Now we'll move our title up since it's getting a little cramped
12 ax.title.set(y=1.05)
13 ax.set(xlim=[-10000, 140000], xlabel='Total Revenue', ylabel='Company',

```

```

14     title='Company Revenue')
15 ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(formatter)
16 ax.set_xticks([0, 25e3, 50e3, 75e3, 100e3, 125e3])
17 fig.subplots_adjust(right=.1)
18 plt.show()

```

3.0.10 Saving plots

1. There are many file formats we can save to in Matplotlib. To see a list of available options, use:

```

1 print(fig.canvas.get_supported_filetypes())

```

1. We can then use the `figure.Figure.savefig()` in order to save the figure to disk.
2. Note that there are several useful flags:
 1. `transparent=True` makes the background of the saved figure transparent if the format supports it.
 2. `dpi=80` controls the resolution (dots per square inch) of the output.
 3. `bbox_inches="tight"` fits the bounds of the figure to our plot.

```

1 fig.savefig('sales.png', transparent=False, dpi=80, bbox_inches="tight")

```

4 通过样式表单和 rcParams 参数控制图形

4.1 样式表单

4.1.1 Using style sheets

1. The style package adds support for easy-to-switch plotting "styles" with the same parameters as a `matplotlib rc` file (which is read at startup to configure matplotlib).
2. There are a number of pre-defined styles provided by Matplotlib. For example, there's a pre-defined style called "ggplot", which emulates the aesthetics of ggplot (a popular plotting package for R).

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import matplotlib as mpl
4 plt.style.use('ggplot')
5 data = np.random.randn(50)

```

1. To list all available styles, use: `print(plt.style.available)`

4.1.2 Defining your own style

1. You can create custom styles and use them by calling `style.use` with the path or URL to the style sheet.
2. Additionally, if you add your `<style-name>.mplstyle` file to `mpl_configdir/stylelib`, you can reuse your custom style sheet with a call to `style.use(<style-name>)`.

4.1.3 Composing styles

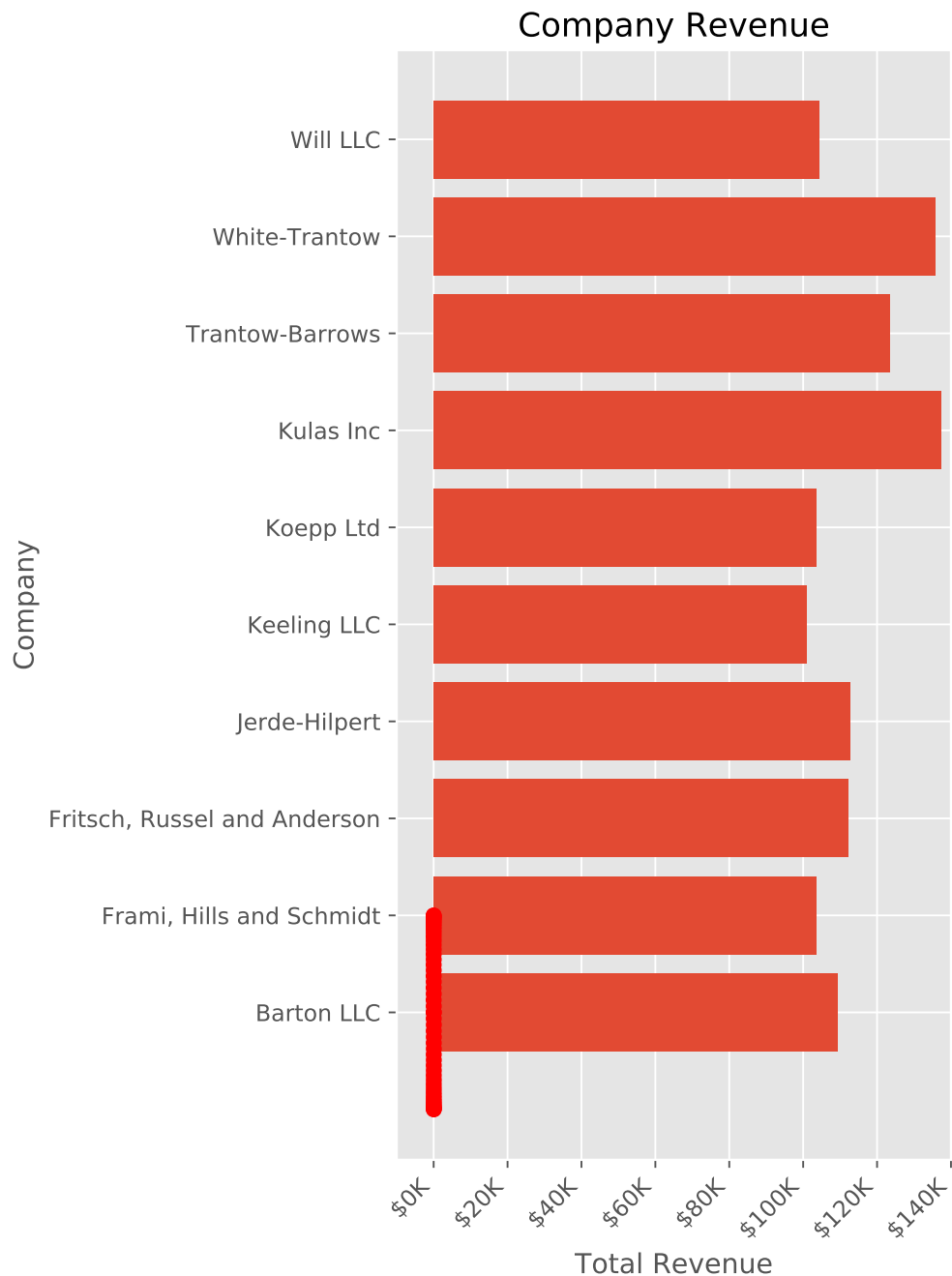
1. Style sheets are designed to be composed together.
2. So you can have a style sheet that customizes colors and a separate style sheet that alters element sizes for presentations.
3. These styles can easily be combined by passing a list of styles:
4. Note that styles further to the right will overwrite values that are already defined by styles on the left.

```
1 # plt.style.use(['dark_background', 'presentation'])
```

4.1.4 Temporary styling

1. use a style for a specific block of code but don't want to change the global styling, the style package provides a context manager for limiting your changes to a specific scope. To isolate your styling changes, you can write something like the following:

```
1 with plt.style.context('dark_background'):
2     plt.plot(np.sin(np.linspace(0, 2 * np.pi)), 'r-o')
3
4 plt.show()
```

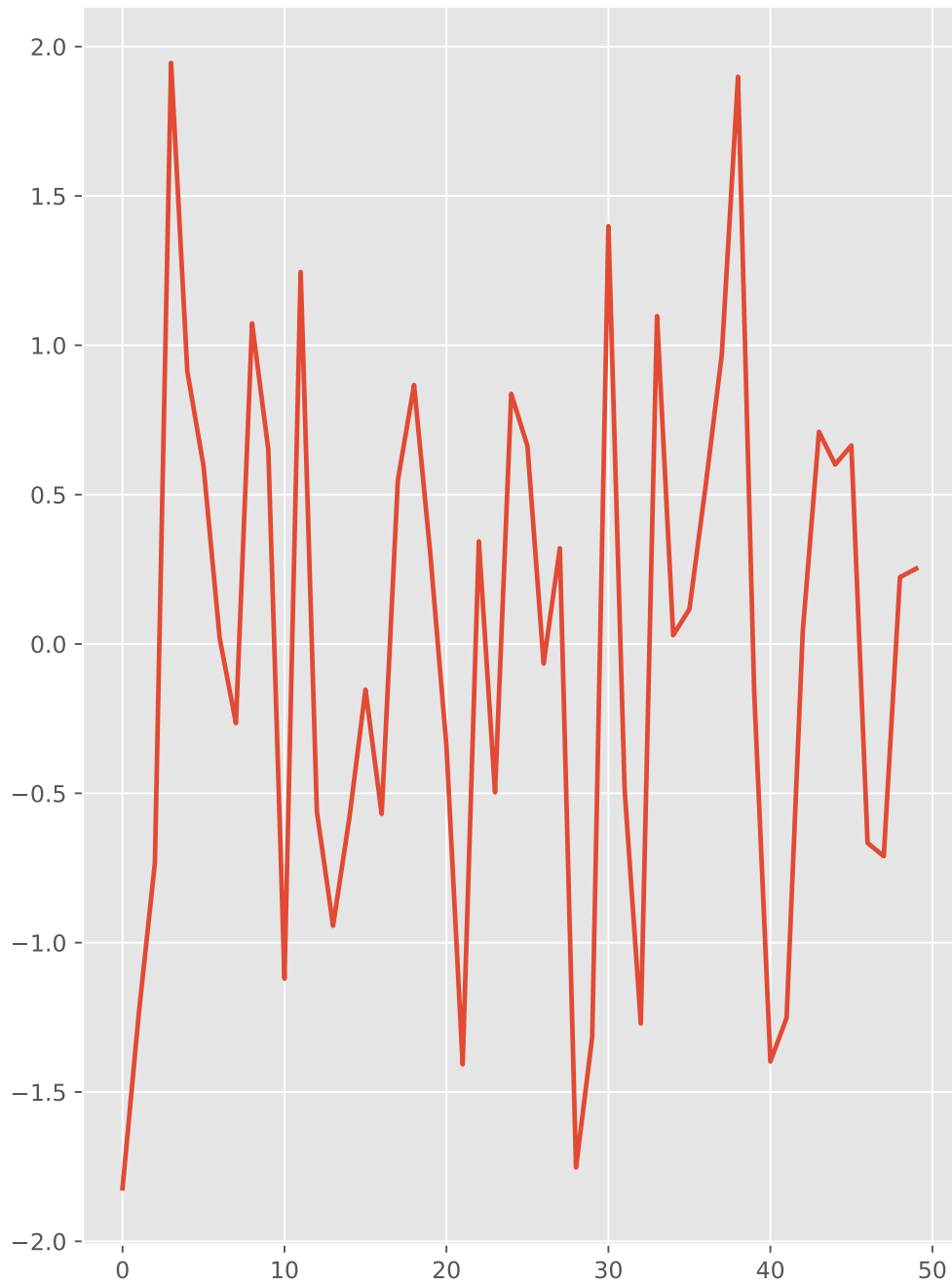


4.2 rcParams 参数

4.2.1 Dynamic rc settings

1. You can also dynamically change the default rc settings in a python script or interactively from the python shell.
2. All of the rc settings are stored in a dictionary-like variable called `matplotlib.rcParams`, which is global to the matplotlib package.
3. `rcParams` can be modified directly, for example:

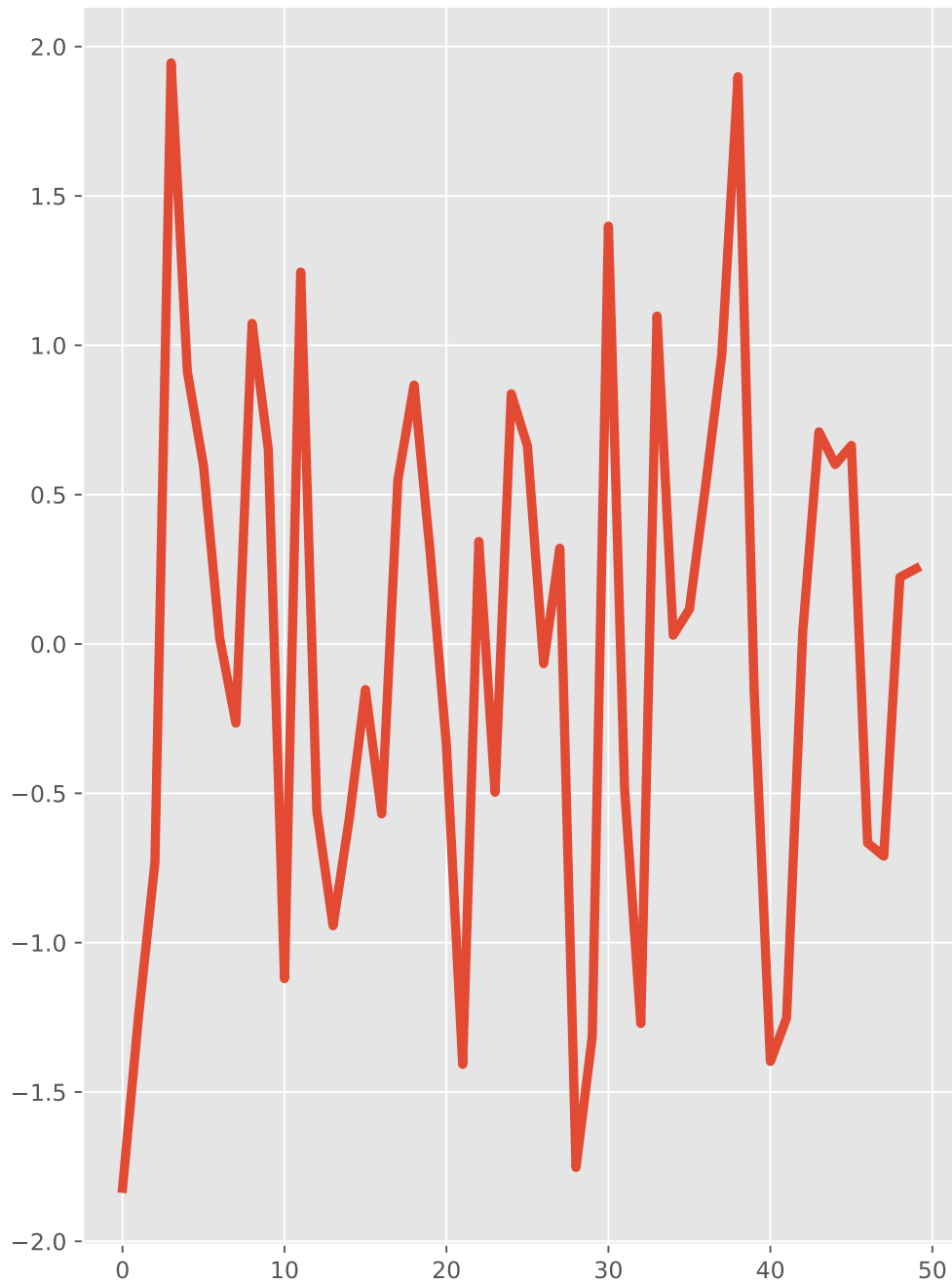
```
1 mpl.rcParams['lines.linewidth'] = 2
2 mpl.rcParams['lines.color'] = 'r'
3 plt.plot(data)
```



4.2.2 Dynamic rc settings

1. Matplotlib also provides a couple of convenience functions for modifying rc settings. The `matplotlib.rc()` command can be used to modify multiple settings in a single group at once, using keyword arguments.
2. The `matplotlib.rcdefaults()` command will restore the standard matplotlib default settings.
3. There is some degree of validation when setting the values of rcParams, see `matplotlib.rcsetup` for details.

```
1 mpl.rc('lines', linewidth=4, color='g')
2 plt.plot(data)
```



4.2.3 The matplotlibrc file

1. matplotlib uses matplotlibrc configuration files to customize all kinds of properties, which we call rc settings or rc parameters.
2. You can control the defaults of almost every property in matplotlib: figure size and dpi, line width, color and style, axes, axis and grid properties, text and font properties and so on.
3. Once a matplotlibrc file has been found, it will not search any of the other paths.
4. To display where the currently active matplotlibrc file was loaded from, one can do the following:


```
1 import matplotlib
2 matplotlib.matplotlib_fname()
```

5 Artist 简介

5.1 基本概念

5.1.1 three layers to the matplotlib API

1. the `matplotlib.backend_bases.FigureCanvas` is the area onto which the figure is drawn
2. the `matplotlib.backend_bases.Renderer` is the object which knows how to draw on the `FigureCanvas`
3. and the `matplotlib.artist.Artist` is the object that knows how to use a renderer to paint onto the canvas.
4. Typically, all visible elements in a figure are subclasses of `Artist`.

5.1.2 three layers to the matplotlib API

1. The `FigureCanvas` and `Renderer` handle all the details of talking to user interface toolkits like `wxPython` or drawing languages like `PostScript`®,
2. and the `Artist` handles all the high level constructs like representing and laying out the figure, text, and lines.
3. The typical user will spend 95% of their time working with the `Artists`.

5.1.3 two types of Artists: primitives and containers

1. The primitives represent the standard graphical objects we want to paint onto our canvas: `Line2D`, `Rectangle`, `Text`, `AxesImage`, etc.,
2. and the containers are places to put them (`Axis`, `Axes` and `Figure`).
3. The standard use is to create a `Figure` instance, use the `Figure` to create one or more `Axes` or `Subplot` instances,
4. and use the `Axes` instance helper methods to create the primitives.

5.1.4 how to create Figure instance

1. we can create a `Figure` instance using `matplotlib.pyplot.figure()`, which is a convenience method for instantiating `Figure` instances and connecting them with your user interface or drawing toolkit `FigureCanvas`. However, this is not necessary.
2. you can work directly with `PostScript`, `PDF` `Gtk+`, or `wxPython` `FigureCanvas` instances, instantiate your `Figures` directly and connect them yourselves.

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 fig = plt.figure()
3 ax = fig.add_subplot(2, 1, 1) # two rows, one column, first plot

```

5.1.5 Axes

1. The Axes is probably the most important class in the matplotlib API, and the one you will be working with most of the time.
2. This is because the Axes is the plotting area into which most of the objects go,
3. and the Axes has many special helper methods (`plot()`, `text()`, `hist()`, `imshow()`) to create the most common graphics primitives (Line2D, Text, Rectangle, Image, respectively).
4. These helper methods will take your data (e.g., numpy arrays and strings) and create primitive Artist instances as needed (e.g., Line2D), add them to the relevant containers, and draw them when requested.
5. Most of you are probably familiar with the Subplot, which is just a special case of an Axes that lives on a regular rows by columns grid of Subplot instances.
6. If you want to create an Axes at an arbitrary location, simply use the `add_axes()` method which takes a list of

left, bottom, width, height

values in 0-1 relative figure coordinates:

5.1.6 例子

```

1 fig2 = plt.figure()
2 ax2 = fig2.add_axes([0.15, 0.1, 0.7, 0.3])
3
4 import numpy as np
5 t = np.arange(0.0, 1.0, 0.01)
6 s = np.sin(2*np.pi*t)
7 line, = ax.plot(t, s, color='blue', lw=2)
8
9 type(ax.lines)
1 len(ax.lines)
1 type(line)

```

1. `ax` is the Axes instance created by the `fig.add_subplot` call above (remember Subplot is just a subclass of Axes)
2. and when you call `ax.plot`, it creates a Line2D instance and adds it to the `Axes.lines` list.
3. remove lines by calling the list methods

5.2 控制对象

5.2.1 简介

1. Every element in the figure is represented by a matplotlib Artist,
2. and each has an extensive list of properties to configure its appearance.
3. The figure itself contains a Rectangle exactly the size of the figure, which you can use to set the background color and transparency of the figures.
4. each Axes bounding box (the standard white box with black edges in the typical matplotlib plot, has a Rectangle instance that determines the color, transparency, and other properties of the Axes.
5. These instances are stored as member variables `Figure.patch` and `Axes.patch`.

5.2.2 get Properties list

1. Every matplotlib Artist has many properties.
2. inspect the Artist properties is to use the `matplotlib.artist.getp()` Function (simply `getp()` in pyplot), which lists the properties and their values. This works for classes derived from Artist as well, e.g., Figure and Rectangle.

```
1 plt.getp(fig)
```

```
1 plt.getp(ax)
```

5.2.3 get and set properties

1. Each of the properties is accessed with an old-fashioned setter or getter.
2. If you want to set a number of properties at once, you can also use the `set` method with keyword arguments.

```
1 a = line.get_alpha()
2 line.set_alpha(0.5*a)
3
4 line.set(alpha=0.5, zorder=2)
```

5.3 对象容器

5.3.1 Figure container

1. The top level container Artist is the `matplotlib.figure.Figure`, and it contains everything in the figure.
2. The background of the figure is a Rectangle which is stored in `Figure.patch`.
3. As you add subplots (`add_subplot()`) and axes (`add_axes()`) to the figure these will be appended to the `Figure.axes`.

4. Because the figure maintains the concept of the "current axes" (see Figure.gca and Figure.sca) to support the pyplot state machine, you should not insert or remove axes directly from the axes list, but rather use the `add_subplot()` and `add_axes()` methods to insert, and the `delaxes()` method to delete.
5. iterate over the list of axes or index into it to get access to Axes instances you want to customize.

5.3.2 例子

```
1 fig = plt.figure()
2
3 ax1 = fig.add_subplot(211)
4 ax2 = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.3])
5 print(fig.axes)
1 for ax in fig.axes:
2     ax.grid(True)
```

5.3.3 Axes container

1. The `matplotlib.axes.Axes` is the center of the matplotlib universe.
2. it contains the vast majority of all the Artists used in a figure with many helper methods to create and add these Artists to itself, as well as helper methods to access and customize the Artists it contains.
3. Like the Figure, it contains a Patch patch which is a Rectangle for Cartesian coordinates and a Circle for polar coordinates;
4. this patch determines the shape, background and border of the plotting region.

5.3.4 Axis containers

1. The `matplotlib.axis.Axis` instances handle the drawing of the tick lines, the grid lines, the tick labels and the axis label.
2. You can configure the left and right ticks separately for the y-axis, and the upper and lower ticks separately for the x-axis.
3. The Axis also stores the data and view intervals used in auto-scaling, panning and zooming, as well as the Locator and Formatter instances which control where the ticks are placed and how they are represented as strings.
4. Each Axis object contains a label attribute (this is what pyplot modifies in calls to `xlabel()` and `ylabel()`) as well as a list of major and minor ticks.
5. The ticks are XTick and YTick instances, which contain the actual line and text primitives that render the ticks and ticklabels.
6. access the lists of major and minor ticks through their accessor methods `get_majorticks()` and `get_minorticks()`.

5.3.5 例子

```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
2 axis = ax.xaxis
3 axis.get_ticklocs()

1 axis.get_ticklabels()
1 axis.get_ticklines()
1 axis.get_ticklines(minor=True)
```

1. note there are twice as many ticklines as labels because by default there are tick lines at the top and bottom but only tick labels below the axis.

5.3.6 Tick containers

1. The matplotlib.axis.Tick is the final container object in our descent from the Figure to the Axes to the Axis to the Tick.
2. The Tick contains the tick and grid line instances, as well as the label instances for the upper and lower ticks.
3. Each of these is accessible directly as an attribute of the Tick.

5.3.7 例子

```
1 np.random.seed(19680801)
2
3 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
4 ax.plot(100*np.random.rand(20))
5
6 formatter = ticker.FormatStrFormatter('%1.2f')
7 ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(formatter)
8
9 for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
10     tick.label1.set_visible(False)
11     tick.label2.set_visible(True)
12     tick.label2.set_color('green')
13
14 plt.show()
```

6 图例

6.0.1 三种用法

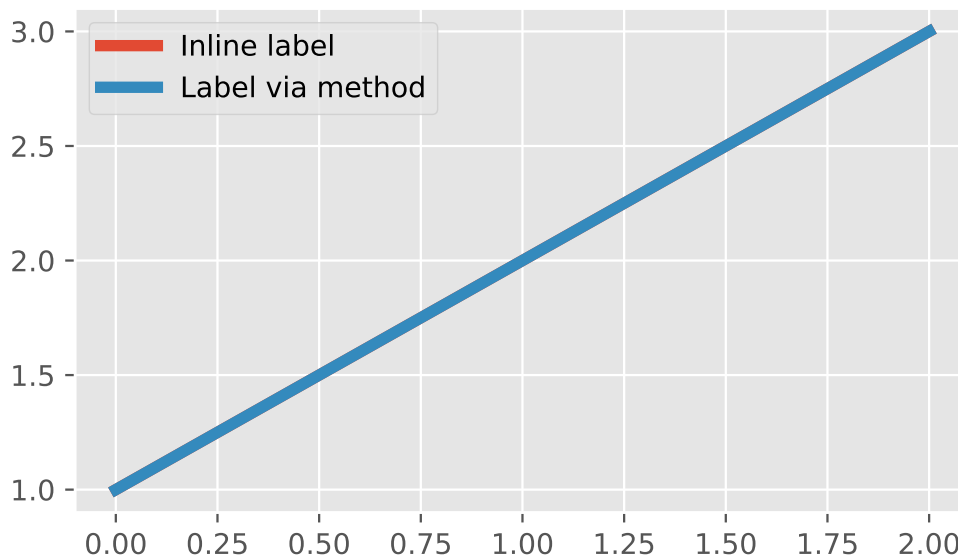
1. `legend()`
2. `legend(labels)`
3. `legend(handles, labels)`

6.0.2 Automatic detection of elements to be shown in the legend

1. The elements to be added to the legend are automatically determined, when you do not pass in any extra arguments.
2. In this case, the labels are taken from the artist.
3. You can specify them either at artist creation or by calling the `set_label()` method on the artist.
4. Specific lines can be excluded from the automatic legend element selection by defining a label starting with an underscore.
5. This is default for all artists, so calling `Axes.legend` without any arguments and without setting the labels manually will result in no legend being drawn.

6.0.3 例子

```
1 line, = ax.plot([1, 2, 3], label='Inline label')
2 ax.legend()
3
4 line, = ax.plot([1, 2, 3])
5 line.set_label('Label via method')
6 ax.legend()
```



6.0.4 Labeling existing plot elements

1. To make a legend for lines which already exist on the axes (via `plot` for instance), simply call this function with an iterable of strings, one for each legend item.
2. Note: This way of using is discouraged, because the relation between plot elements and labels is only implicit by their order and can easily be mixed up.

```

1 ax.plot([1, 2, 3])
2 ax.legend(['A simple line'])

```

6.0.5 Explicitly defining the elements in the legend

1. For full control of which artists have a legend entry, it is possible to pass an iterable of legend artists followed by an iterable of legend labels respectively.

```
legend((line1, line2, line3), ('label1', 'label2', 'label3'))
```

1. Parameters:
 1. loc : The location of the legend. 'best'
 2. bbox_{toanchor}: Box that is used to position the legend in conjunction with loc.
 3. fontsize

6.0.6 例子

1. Examples using matplotlib.pyplot.legend, 更多例子见: https://matplotlib.org/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.legend.html#matplotlib.pyplot.legend

```

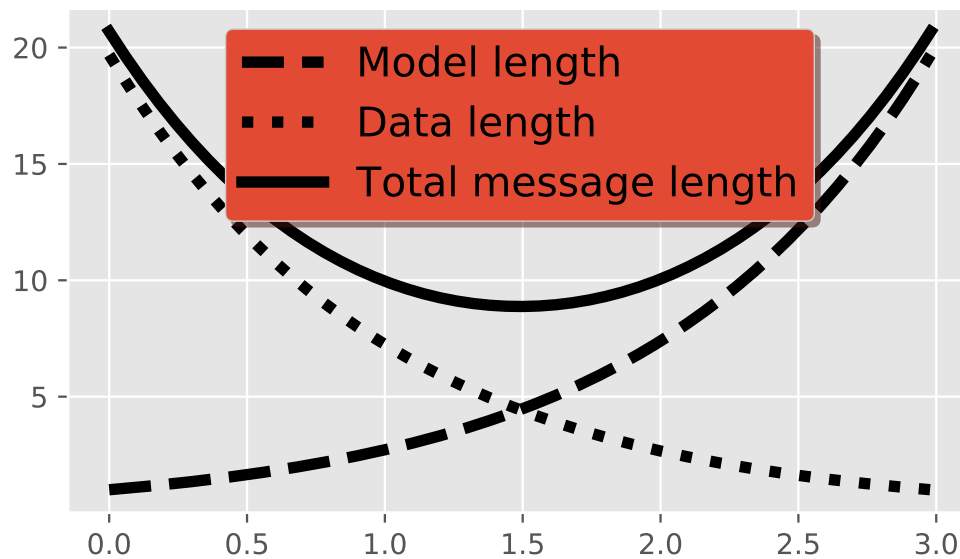
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 # Make some fake data.
4 a = b = np.arange(0, 3, .02)
5 c = np.exp(a)
6 d = c[::-1]

```

```

7 # Create plots with pre-defined labels.
8 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
9 ax.plot(a, c, 'k--', label='Model length')
10 ax.plot(a, d, 'k:', label='Data length')
11 ax.plot(a, c + d, 'k', label='Total message length')
12 legend = ax.legend(loc='upper center', shadow=True, fontsize='x-large')
13 # Put a nicer background color on the legend.
14 legend.get_frame().set_facecolor('C0')
15
16 plt.show()

```



7 紧缩输出和限定输出

7.0.1 Tight Layout

1. `tight_layout` automatically adjusts subplot params so that the subplot(s) fits in to the figure area.
2. `tight_layout()` only considers ticklabels, axis labels, and titles. Thus, other artists may be clipped and also may overlap.
3. An alternative to `tight_layout` is `constrained_layout`.
4. To prevent this, the location of axes needs to be adjusted. For subplots, this can be done by adjusting the subplot params (Move the edge of an axes to make room for tick labels).
5. `tight_layout()` that does this automatically for you.
6. Note that `matplotlib.pyplot.tight_layout()` will only adjust the subplot params when it is called.
7. In order to perform this adjustment each time the figure is redrawn, you can call `fig.set_tight_layout(True)`, or, equivalently, set the figure `autolayout` rcParam to True.

7.0.2 例子

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import numpy as np
3 plt.rcParams['savefig.facecolor'] = "0.8"
4
5 def example_plot(ax, fontsize=12):
6     ax.plot([1, 2])
7
8     ax.locator_params(nbins=3)
9     ax.set_xlabel('x-label', fontsize=fontsize)
10    ax.set_ylabel('y-label', fontsize=fontsize)
11    ax.set_title('Title', fontsize=fontsize)
12
13 plt.close('all')
14 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
15 example_plot(ax, fontsize=24)
16
17 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
18 example_plot(ax, fontsize=24)
19 plt.tight_layout()
```

7.0.3 multiple subplots

1. When you have multiple subplots, often you see labels of different axes overlapping each other.
2. `tight_layout()` will also adjust spacing between subplots to minimize the overlaps.
3. `tight_layout()` will work even if the sizes of subplots are different as far as their grid specification is compatible.

7.0.4 例子

```
1 plt.close('all')
2 fig = plt.figure()
3
4 ax1 = plt.subplot(221)
5 ax2 = plt.subplot(223)
6 ax3 = plt.subplot(122)
7
8 example_plot(ax1)
9 example_plot(ax2)
10 example_plot(ax3)
11
12 plt.tight_layout()
```

7.0.5 Constrained Layout

1. `constrained_layout` automatically adjusts subplots and decorations like legends and colorbars so that they fit in the figure window while still preserving, as best they can, the logical layout requested by the user.
2. `constrained_layout` is similar to `tight_layout`, but uses a constraint solver to determine the size of axes that allows them to fit.
3. `constrained_layout` needs to be activated before any axes are added to a figure. Two ways of doing so are

1. using the respective argument to `subplots()` or `figure()`, e.g.: `plt.subplots(constrained_layout=True)`
2. activate it via `rcParams`, like: `plt.rcParams['figure.constrained_layout.use'] = True`

7.0.6 例子

```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots(constrained_layout=False)
2 example_plot(ax, fontsize=24)
3
4 fig, ax = plt.subplots(constrained_layout=True)
5 example_plot(ax, fontsize=24)
6
7 fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, constrained_layout=False)
8 for ax in axs.flat:
9     example_plot(ax)
10
11 fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, constrained_layout=True)
12 for ax in axs.flat:
13     example_plot(ax)
```

8 图形中的文本

8.0.1 简介

1. Matplotlib 具有广泛的文本支持，包括对数学表达式的支持、对光栅和向量输出的字体支持、带有任意旋转的换行分隔文本以及字符编码支持
2. Matplotlib 包含自己的 `Matplotlib.font_manager` 模块，可以实现跨平台、W3C 兼容的字体查找算法。
3. 用户对文本属性（字体大小，字体的粗细，文字的位置和颜色等）有很大的控制权，可以通过 `rc` 文件进行合理的修改。值得注意的是，对于那些对数学或科学图形感兴趣的人，Matplotlib 实现了大量 TeX 数学符号和命令，支持图形中的任何数学表达式。

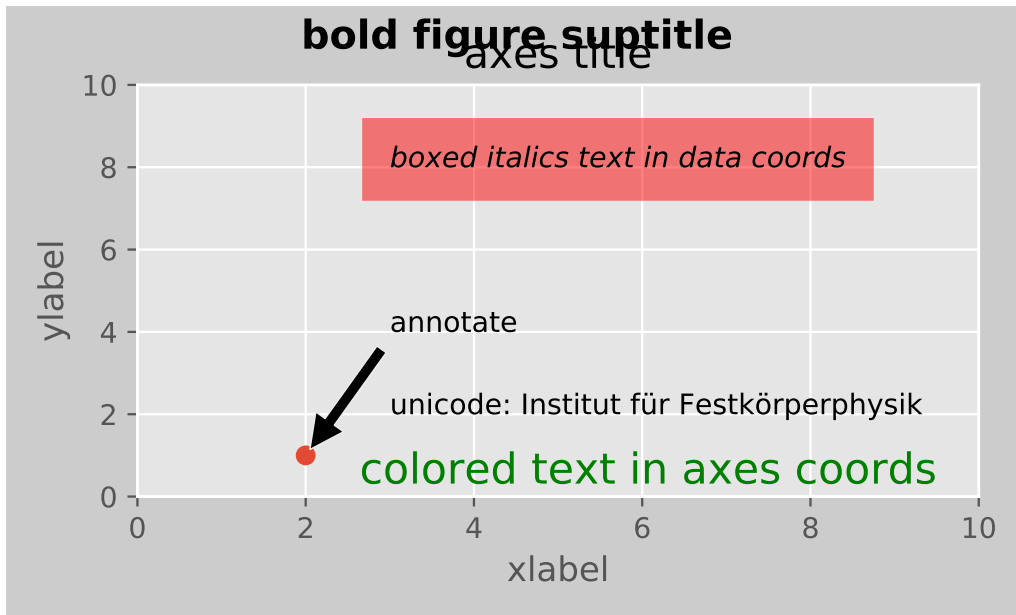
8.0.2 Basic text commands

pyplot API	OO API	description
text	text	在轴的任意位置添加文本。
annotate	annotate	在坐标轴的任意位置添加带有可选箭头的注释。
xlabel	set_xlabel	在坐标轴的 x 轴上添加一个标签。
ylabel	set_ylabel	在坐标轴的 y 轴上添加一个标签。
title	set_title	给这些轴添加一个标题。
figtext	text	在图形的任意位置添加文本。
suptitle	suptitle	给图添加一个标题。

- 所有这些函数都创建并返回一个文本实例，该实例可以配置为各种字体和其他属性。

8.0.3 例子

```
1 import matplotlib
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 fig = plt.figure()
5 ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
6 fig.subplots_adjust(top=0.85) # (调整图形高度)
7 # Set titles for the figure and the subplot respectively
8 fig.suptitle('bold figure supitle', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold') # 添
   加图标题
9 ax.set_title('axes title') # 添加轴标题
10 ax.set_xlabel('xlabel') # 添加轴标签
11 ax.set_ylabel('ylabel') # 添加轴标签
12 # Set both x- and y-axis limits to [0, 10] instead of default [0, 1]
13 ax.axis([0, 10, 0, 10]) # 修改轴坐标范围
1
14 ax.text(3, 8, 'boxed italics text in data coords', style='italic',
15         bbox={'facecolor': 'red', 'alpha': 0.5, 'pad': 10}) # 在指定位置添加
   文本, alpha对应透明度, pad对应图形宽度
16 ax.text(3, 2, 'unicode: Institut für Festkörperphysik')
17 ax.text(0.95, 0.01, 'colored text in axes coords',
18         verticalalignment='bottom', horizontalalignment='right',
19         transform=ax.transAxes,
20         color='green', fontsize=15)
21
22 ax.plot([2], [1], 'o')
23 ax.annotate('annotate', xy=(2, 1), xytext=(3, 4),
24            arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.05)) # shrink箭头长
   短
25 plt.show()
```



```
1 plt.getp(ax.texts)
```

8.0.4 Text properties and layout

1. matplotlib.text 文本实例具有各种属性
2. 这些属性可以通过文本命令的关键字参数 (例如, title()、 xlabel() 和 text()) 来配置
3. 通过 “pl .getp(ax.text)” 获取属性列表

8.0.5 Default Font

1. 基本默认字体由一组 rcParams 控制。

rcParam	usage
'font.family'	字体名称列表, 例如 {'cursive', 'fantasy', 'monospace', 'sans', 'sans serif', 'sans-serif'}
'font.style'	默认样式, 例如 'normal', 'italic'.
'font.variant'	默认变体, ex 'normal', 'small-caps' (untested)
'font.stretch'	默认延伸, ex 'normal', 'condensed' (incomplete)
'font.weight'	默认空间大小。字符串或整数
'font.size'	默认字体大小 (以点为单位)。相对字体大小 ('large', 'x-small') 是根据这个大小计算

8.0.6 Text with non-latin glyphs

1. Matplotlib 仍然没有覆盖用户可能需要的所有符号。
2. 例如, DejaVu 没有覆盖中文、韩语或日语。
3. 将默认字体设置修改为支持所需字体, 将字体名称前置到 'font.family' 或列表

中。

1. `matplotlib.rcParams['font.sans-serif'] = ['SimHei', 'sans-serif']`
2. or set it in your `.matplotlibrc` file: `font.sans-serif: SimHei, Arial, sans-serif`

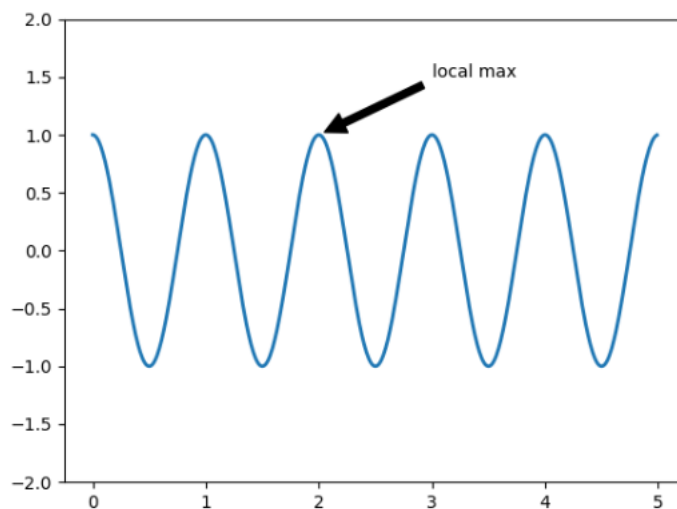
9 标注

9.1 基本标注

9.1.1 Basic annotation

1. 用户使用 `text()`，可以将文本放在坐标轴中的任意位置。
2. 文本常用于注释图形的一些特性，而 `annotate()` 方法提供了辅助功能，使注释更容易
3. 在注释中，有两点需要考虑: 由参数 `xy` 表示的被注释的位置和由 `xytext` 表示的文本的位置。
4. 这两个参数都是 `(x,y)` 元组。

9.1.2 Basic annotation



Annotation Basic

9.1.3 coordinate systems

1. 有各种各样的坐标系可供选择。
2. 可以使用以下 `xycoords` 和 `textcoords` 的字符串来指定 `xy` 和 `xytext` 的位置。
3. (默认是'data')

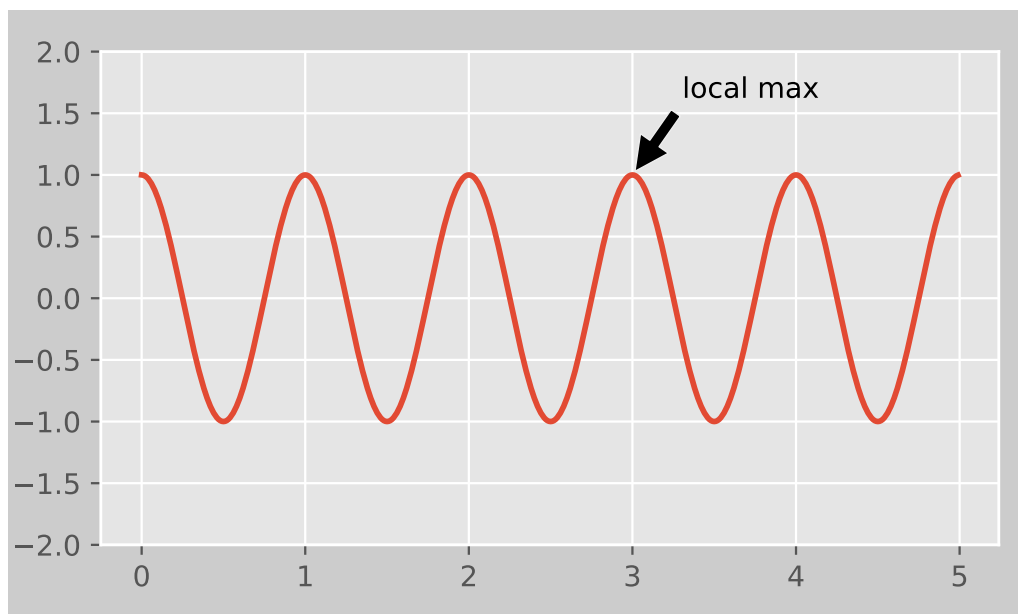
argument	coordinate system
'figure points'	point 从图的左下角开始
'figure pixels'	pixels 从图的左下角开始
'figure fraction'	0,0 是图形的左下角 1,1 是右上角
'axes points'	points 从坐标轴的左下角开始
'axes pixels'	pixels 从坐标轴的左下角开始
'axes fraction'	0,0 是坐标轴的左下角 1,1 是右上角
'data'	使用默认坐标设置

9.1.4 例子

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 ax = plt.subplot(111)
3
4 t = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.01)
5 s = np.cos(2*np.pi*t)
6 line, = plt.plot(t, s, lw=2)
7
8 ax.annotate('local max', xy=(3, 1), xycoords='data',
9             xytext=(0.8, 0.95), textcoords='axes fraction',
10            arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.05),
11            horizontalalignment='right', verticalalignment='top',
12            )
13
14 plt.ylim(-2, 2)
15
16 plt.show()

```



9.1.5 argument `arrowprops`

1. 您可以通过在可选关键字参数`arrowprops`中提供箭头属性字典来启用箭头从文本到注释点的绘制.

arrowprops key	description
<code>width</code>	箭头的宽度
<code>frac</code>	箭头长度占头部的部分
<code>headwidth</code>	箭头头部的宽度, 以点为单位
<code>shrink</code>	move the tip and base some percent away from the annotated point and text
<code>kwargs</code>	any key for <code>matplotlib.patches.Polygon</code> , e.g., <code>facecolor</code>

9.2 高级标注

9.2.1 Annotating with Text with Box

1. `pyplot` 模块 (或 `Axes` 类的 `text` 方法) 中的 `text()` 函数, 给定 `bbox` 关键字参数时在文本周围绘制一个框。
2. 与文本关联的 `patch` 对象可以通过以下方式访问: `bb = t.get_bbox_patch()`
3. 返回值是 `FancyBboxPatch` 的一个实例, 可以像往常一样访问和修改 `patch` 属性, 如 `facecolor`、`edgewidth` 等
4. 要更改方框的形状, 通过设置 `boxstyle` 方法。
5. `pad` : 内边距

```
1 bbox_props = dict(boxstyle="arrow,pad=0.3", fc="cyan", ec="b", lw=2)
2 t = ax.text(0.5, 0.5, "Direction", ha="center", va="center", rotation
3             size=15,
4             bbox=bbox_props)
5 bb = t.get_bbox_patch()
6 bb.set_boxstyle("arrow", pad=0.6)
```

9.2.2 box styles

Class	Name	Attrs
<code>Circle</code>	<code>circle</code>	<code>pad=0.3</code>
<code>DArrow</code>	<code>darrow</code>	<code>pad=0.3</code>
<code>LArrow</code>	<code>larrow</code>	<code>pad=0.3</code>
<code>RArrow</code>	<code>rarrow</code>	<code>pad=0.3</code>
<code>Round</code>	<code>round</code>	<code>pad=0.3,rounding_size=None</code>
<code>Round4</code>	<code>round4</code>	<code>pad=0.3,rounding_size=None</code>
<code>Roundtooth</code>	<code>roundtooth</code>	<code>pad=0.3,tooth_size=None</code>
<code>Sawtooth</code>	<code>sawtooth</code>	<code>pad=0.3,tooth_size=None</code>

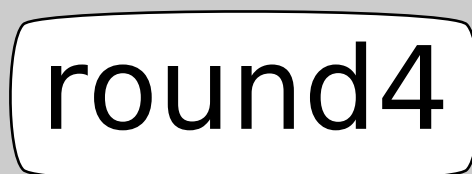
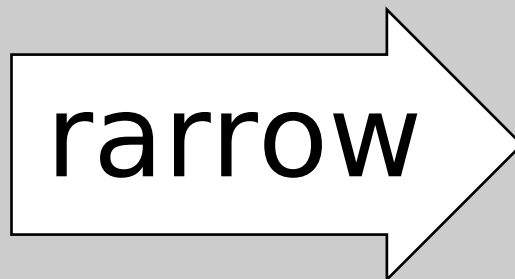
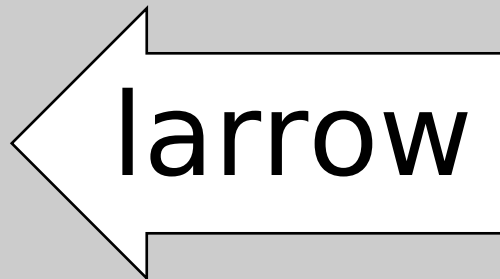
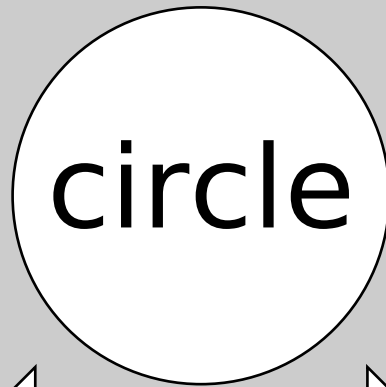
Class	Name	Attrs
Square	square	pad=0.3

9.2.3 Fancybox list

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import matplotlib.transforms as mtransforms
3 import matplotlib.patches as mpatch
4 from matplotlib.patches import FancyBboxPatch
5
6 styles = mpatch.BoxStyle.get_styles()
7 spacing = 1.2
8 figheight = (spacing * len(styles) + .5)
9 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(4 / 1.5, figheight / 1.5))
10 fontsize = 0.3 * 72
11
12 for i, stylename in enumerate(sorted(styles)):
13     fig.text(0.5, (spacing * (len(styles) - i) - 0.5) / figheight,
14             stylename,
15             ha="center",
16             size=fontsize,
17             transform=fig.transFigure,
18             bbox=dict(boxstyle=stylename, fc="w", ec="k"))
19 plt.show()

```

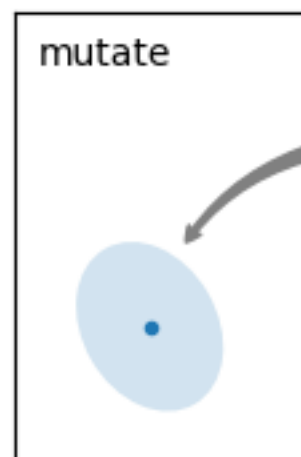
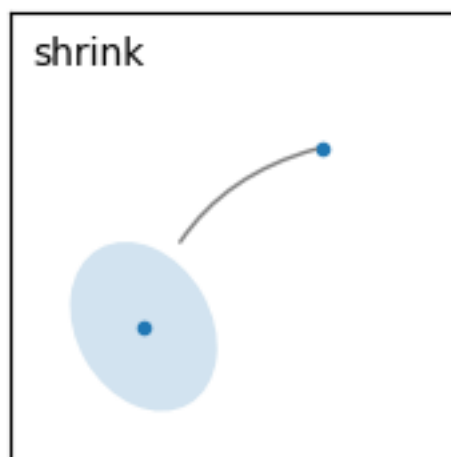
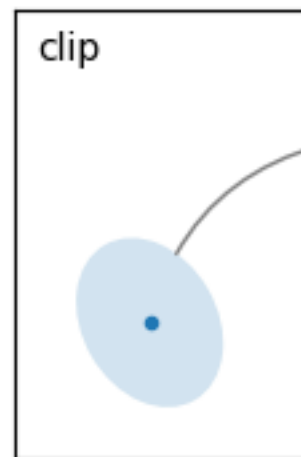
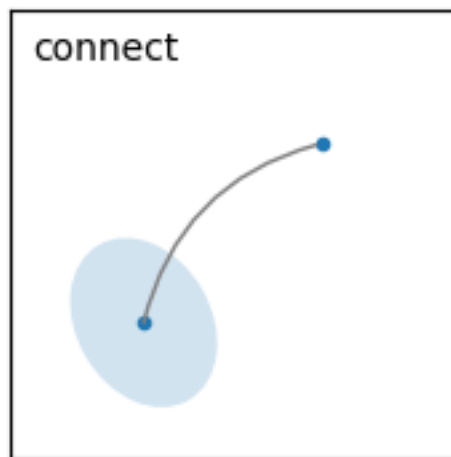



9.2.4 Annotating with Arrow

1. 绘制箭头需要几个步骤。

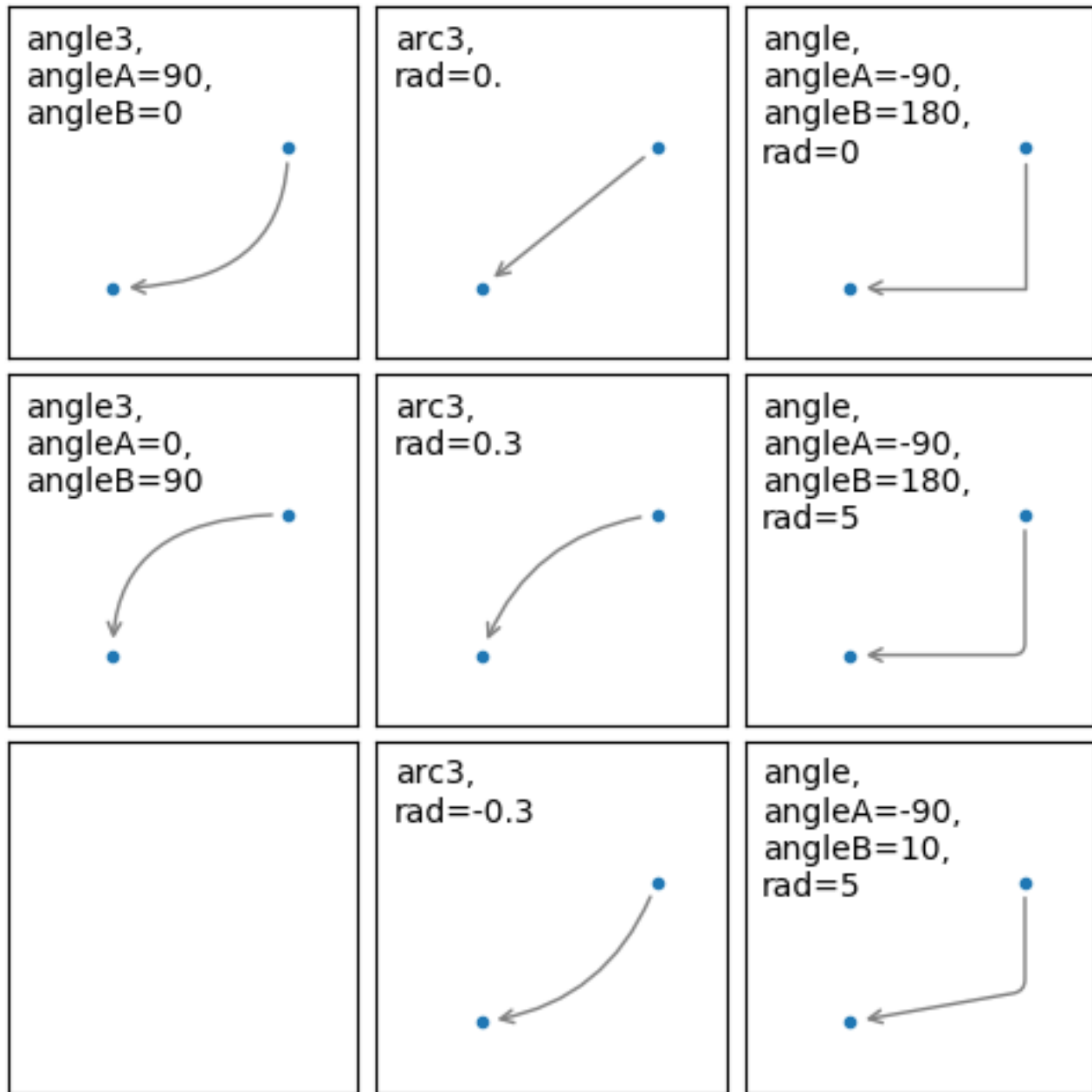
- 创建两点之间的连接路径。这是由 `connectionstyle` 键值控制的。
- 如果 `patch` 对象是给定的 (`patchA & patchB`)，路径会被裁剪以避免 `patch`。
- 路径可以进一步缩小到给定的像素量 (`shrinkA & shrinkB`)
- 路径转换为箭头 `patch` 对象，由箭头样式键值控制。

9.2.5 示意图



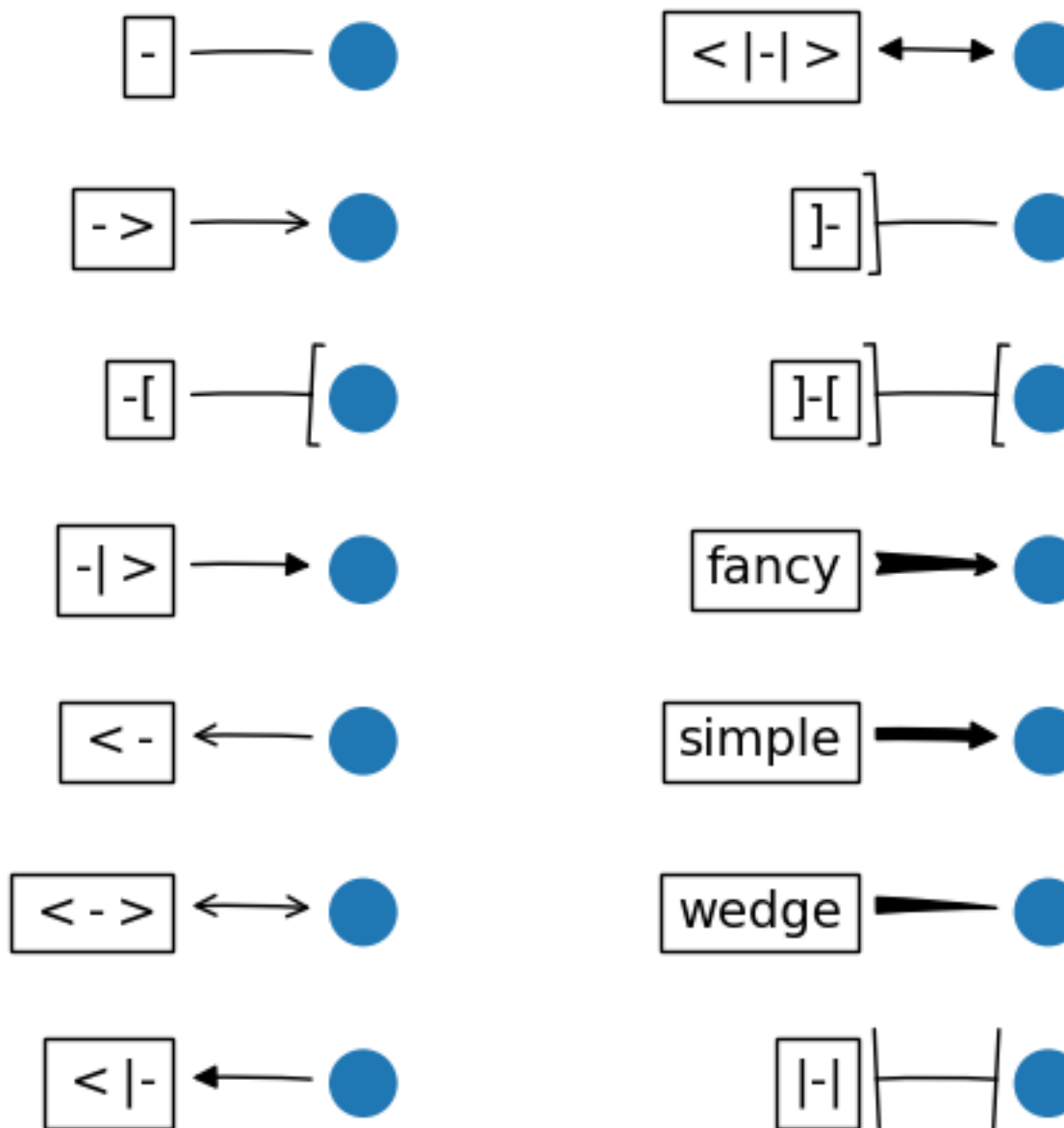
9.2.6 connectionstyle key

1. 两点之间连接路径的创建由 `connectionstyle` 键控制。下面的示例 (有限地) 演示了每种连接样式的行为。



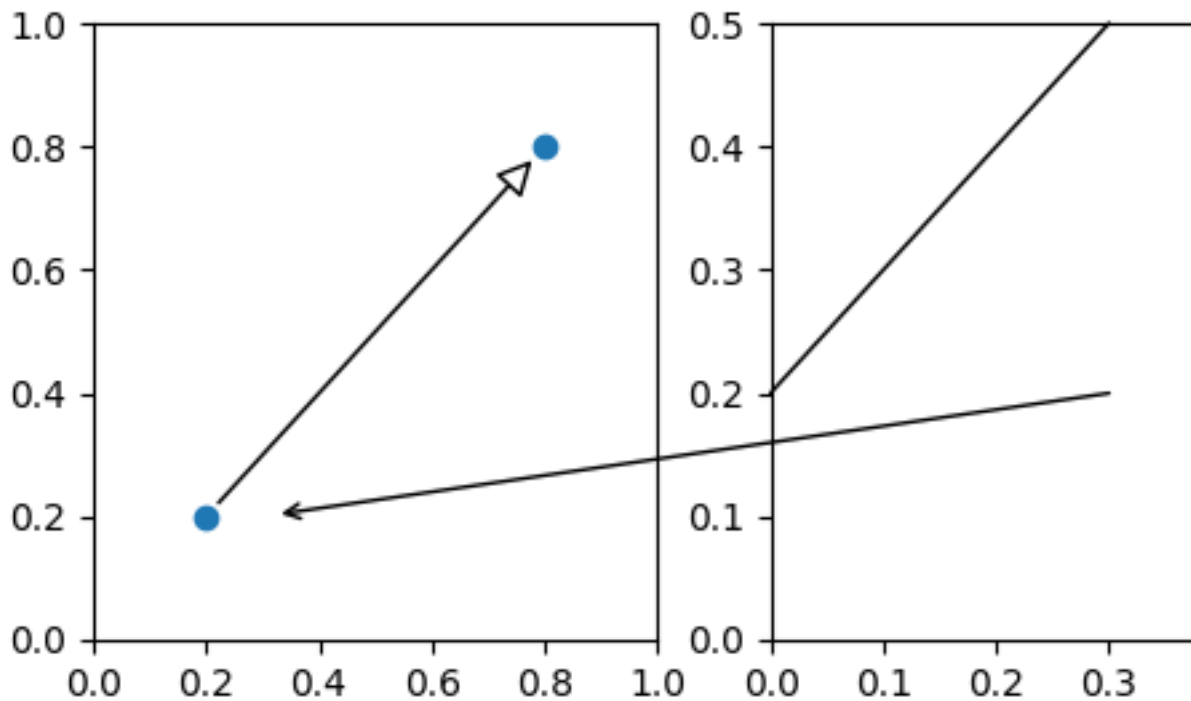
9.2.7 arrowstyle

1. 根据给定的 `arrowstyle`, 连接路径 (经过剪切和收缩) 转变为一个箭头



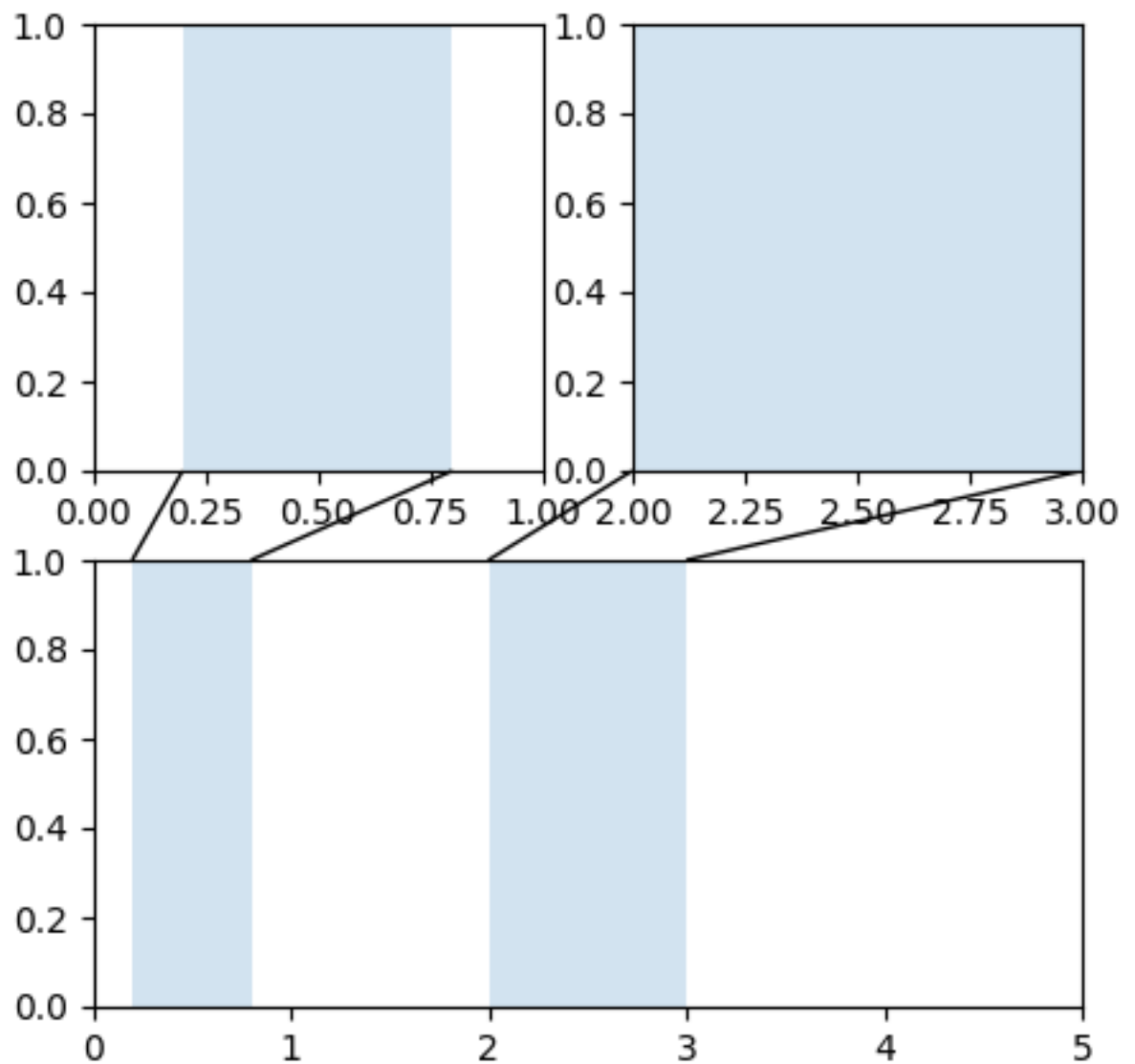
9.2.8 Using ConnectionPatch

1. ConnectionPatch 就像一个没有文本的注释。虽然在大多数情况下建议使用注释函数，但当您希望连接不同轴上的点时，ConnectionPatch非常有用。
2. https://matplotlib.org/gallery/userdemo/connect_simple01.html



9.2.9 Zoom effect between Axes

1. `mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator` 定义了一些有效链接两个轴的 patch 对象
2. 理解这些代码需要了解 mpl's transform 是如何工作的。
3. https://matplotlib.org/gallery/subplots_axes_and_figures/axes_zoom_effect.html



10 mplot3d 工具箱

10.0.1 How is mplot3d different from MayaVi?

1. MayaVi2 is a very powerful and featureful 3D graphing library. For advanced 3D scenes and excellent rendering capabilities, it is highly recommended to use MayaVi2.
2. mplot3d was intended to allow users to create simple 3D graphs with the same "look-and-feel" as matplotlib's 2D plots. Furthermore, users can use the same toolkit that they are already familiar with to generate both their 2D and 3D plots.

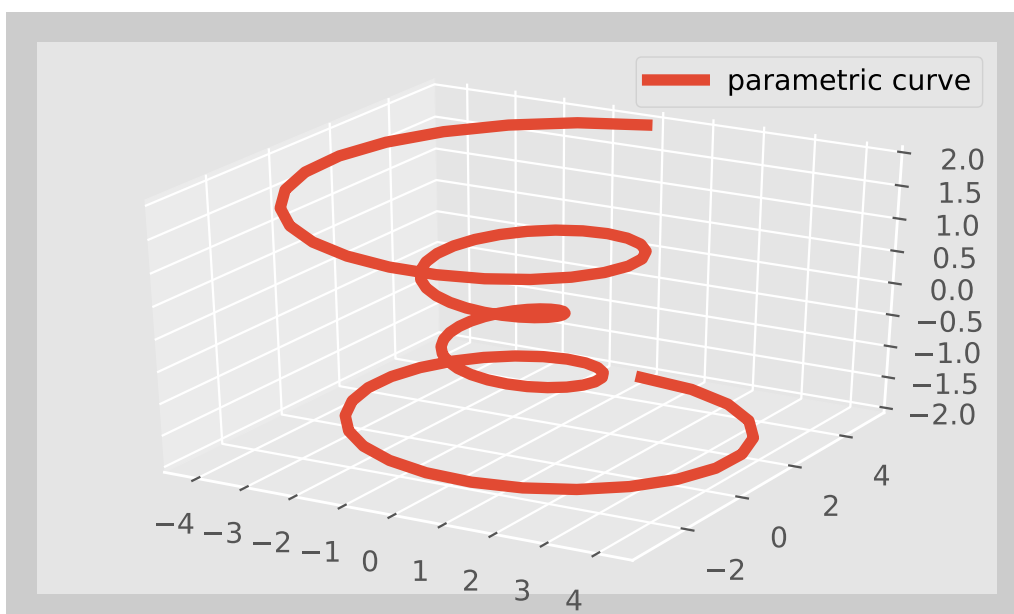
10.0.2 Axes3D object

1. An Axes3D object is created just like any other axes using the `projection='3d'` keyword.
2. Create a new `matplotlib.figure.Figure` and add a new axes to it of type `Axes3D`:

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
3 fig = plt.figure()
4 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
```

10.0.3 一个例子

```
1 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4
5 plt.rcParams['legend.fontsize'] = 10
6 fig = plt.figure()
7 ax = fig.gca(projection='3d')
8
9 # Prepare arrays x, y, z
10 theta = np.linspace(-4 * np.pi, 4 * np.pi, 100)
11 z = np.linspace(-2, 2, 100)
12 r = z**2 + 1
13 x = r * np.sin(theta)
14 y = r * np.cos(theta)
15
16 ax.plot(x, y, z, label='parametric curve')
17 ax.legend()
18
19 plt.show()
```



10.0.4 支持的 3D 图形类型

1. <https://matplotlib.org/tutorials/toolkits/mplot3d.html#sphx-gl-r-tutorials-toolkits-mplot3d-py>
2. Line plots: `Axes3D.plot(self, xs, ys, *args, zdir='z', **kwargs)`
3. Scatter plots: `Axes3D.scatter(self, xs, ys, zs=0, zdir='z', s=20, c=None, depthshade=True, *args, **kwargs)`
4. Wireframe plots: `Axes3D.plot_wireframe(self, X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)`
5. Surface plots: `Axes3D.plot_surface(self, X, Y, Z, *args, norm=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, lightsources=None, **kwargs)`
6. Tri-Surface plots: `Axes3D.plot_trisurf(self, *args, color=None, norm=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, lightsources=None, **kwargs)`
7. Contour plots: `Axes3D.contour(self, X, Y, Z, *args, extend3d=False, stride=5, zdir='z', offset=None, **kwargs)`

10.0.5 支持的 3D 图形类型

1. Filled contour plots: `Axes3D.contourf(self, X, Y, Z, *args, zdir='z', offset=None, **kwargs)`
2. Polygon plots: `Axes3D.add_collection3d(self, col, zs=0, zdir='z')`
3. Bar plots: `Axes3D.bar(self, left, height, zs=0, zdir='z', *args, **kwargs)`
4. Quiver: `Axes3D.quiver(X, Y, Z, U, V, W, /, length=1, arrow_length_ratio=.3, pivot='tail', normalize=False, **kwargs)`
5. 2D plots in 3D
6. Text: `Axes3D.text(self, x, y, z, s, zdir=None, **kwargs)`
7. Subplotting: Having multiple 3D plots in a single figure is the same as it is for 2D plots. Also, you can have both 2D and 3D plots in the same figure.

10.0.6 其他常见作图包

1. Pandas is handy for simple plots but you need to be willing to learn matplotlib to customize.
2. Seaborn can support some more complex visualization approaches but still requires matplotlib knowledge to tweak. The color schemes are a nice bonus.
3. ggplot ggplot is a plotting system for Python based on R's ggplot2 and the Grammar of Graphics. It is built for making professional looking, plots quickly with minimal code.
4. Bokeh is an interactive visualization library for modern web browsers. It provides elegant, concise construction of versatile graphics, and affords high-performance interactivity over large or streaming datasets.
5. Mayavi: 3D scientific data visualization and plotting in Python.

6. Turtle graphics is a popular way for introducing programming to kids.